

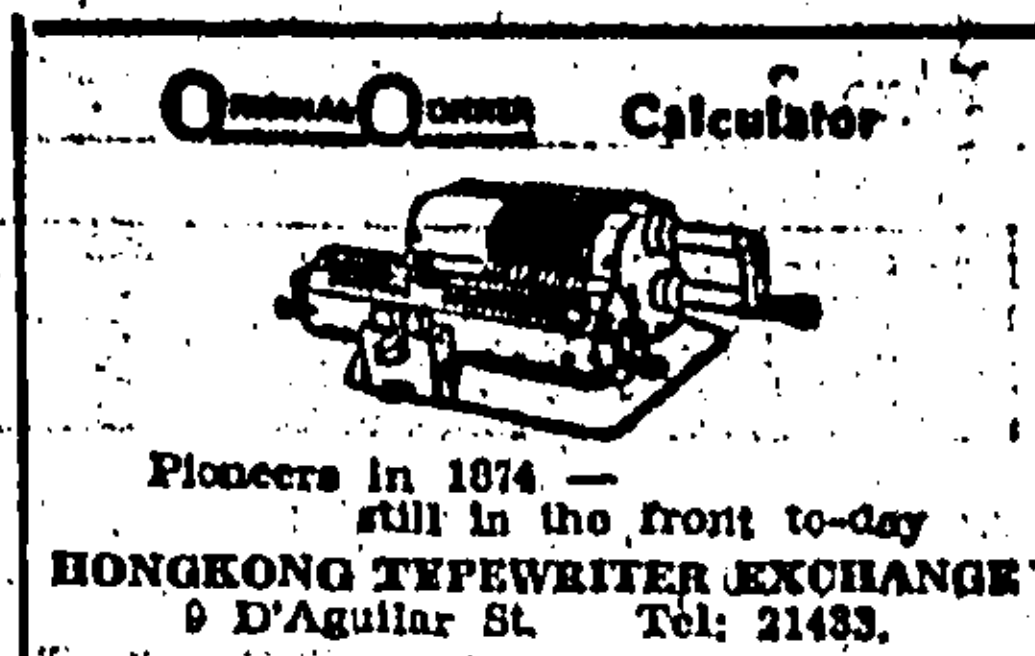


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Integrating Refugees

DR Edward Hambro believes there are three possible solutions to the Colony's refugee problem. Following a study he made of the situation in Hongkong, he told the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee in Geneva this week that the refugees could be repatriated, they could emigrate or they could be integrated in the Colony. There are, in fact, only three theoretical possibilities; there are a number of difficulties concerned with repatriation and emigration and at this stage both courses are virtually impossible. Dr Hambro recognised this when he suggested that extra funds would be needed if integration of the refugees was to be accomplished. He believes the Hong Kong administration should not be expected to shoulder all the burden of dealing with the refugees and he has asked the Committee to recommend that the High Commissioner make a US\$10 million grant to the Colony which, in terms of Hongkong dollars, works out at \$35 million. In fact many of the refugees are well on the way to complete integration in the community already. Housing is being provided for them and many have been absorbed in local industries and it is unlikely—even if either emigration or repatriation could be arranged at some later date—that many of them would want to leave the comparative security of this haven. This Hongkong welcome for many have given a much-needed infusion of skill, initiative and enterprise to the Colony. The \$55 million grant is to be made—and it would be highly welcome—a fund could be established to assist the process of refugee integration. But it is important for the United Nations or the authority subsidising the grant to realise that the problem is not one of short term relief. It is a question of rehabilitation in such a way that the people can be absorbed into the economic life of the community. And it would be a waste of money to spend the funds on anything that did not have that end in view. If worthwhile schemes do not present themselves immediately it would be far preferable to wait until the opportunity arises rather than to flitter away the money on unconstructive projects. There are a number of ways in which the funds might profitably be used: one suggestion is that part could be set aside for building roads and preparing sites for new communities but emphasis generally should be placed on schemes that would in themselves make some contribution towards assisting the plight of the refugees. Finally since the problem is one that concerns the welfare of this Colony and since the local authorities are the best judges of their own problems it would be only fair to request that the Hongkong Government should be given a large measure of control in the use of any internationally-subsidised funds.

SATURDAY MAIL FEATURES

Here is a guide to your week-end reading:
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P. 12: Bertie Delmer asks: What is the B.B.C. up to? William Hickey and Les Armour. Cartoon by Low.

SEATO Talks Planned For Next Year

Washington, Dec. 10. The eight SEATO powers, fearing that Thailand and at least part of Indo-China now stand in very real danger from Communist subversion, are forging ahead with plans for a broad conference on Southeast Asian strategy early next year. It is understood the United States wanted the foreign ministers of the eight SEATO powers—Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan and the United States—to meet as early as possible in 1955—probably in February—for a review of the situation. Strategy discussed would embrace political, economic and military matters and the ministers would probably go into the question of the feasibility of setting up a SEATO headquarters somewhere in Southeast Asia. Manila, Bangkok and Singapore have been the cities most often mentioned as sites for such a headquarters. Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, was expected to represent the United States and it was hoped that Sir Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, also would attend.—Reuter.

'QUEEN MARY' BATTERED BY GALES

Cherbourg, Dec. 10. The liner Queen Mary docked today 24 hours late and with her first class dining room flooded after battling through gales all the way across the Atlantic from New York.

Karl Gartner, a five-year-old stateless passenger bound for Frankfurt, fractured his leg when he slipped on deck as the liner pitched suddenly in mid ocean. He was taken to a Cherbourg hospital.

EIGHT PORTS SMASHED

Heavy seas also smashed eight of the Queen Mary's portholes.

Waves smashed through portholes into the liner's first class dining room yesterday, swamping tables and chairs as frightened passengers and stewards ran towards the exits.

Weather In Other Parts Of The World

Dublin, Dec. 10. Dublin counted its casualties and dug its way out of flood damage but new floodwaters sent the River Shannon out of its banks today. The toll in this seaside capital was one dead, many injured, enormous property damage and widespread suffering in the wake of high tides which overflowed the Liffey and Tolka Rivers yesterday.

The minimum temperature last night was 31.3 degrees F. This was recorded at the mid-night reading. At 6 a.m. today the temperature was 61.9. Within 12 hours ending 9 a.m. today the maximum was recorded as 61.4 degrees F.

In Singapore:

All road and rail communications over a 150-mile stretch in southern Malaya were washed out yesterday by the most disastrous floods to strike the region since 1928. Towns and villages were isolated by the rising waters and work ceased on rubber plantations and in the mines.

Big Vote For Allied Resolution INDIA RAISES OBJECTIONS

New York, Dec. 10. The United Nations General Assembly today overwhelmingly for the Allied resolution seeking the release of the 11 American airmen imprisoned by Communist China on "spy charges".

The vote was 45 to 5 with 6 abstentions. Four delegations were absent. Only the Soviet group of five voted against the resolution. The abstentions were cast by Afghanistan, Burma, India, Indonesia, Yemen, and Yugoslavia. The following were absent: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

The resolution approved declared that the detention and imprisonment of 11 airmen, members of the United Nations Command in Korea, "and the detention of all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command desiring repatriation" was a violation of the Korean armistice agreement.

The Assembly "condemned" as contrary to the Korean armistice agreement the trial and conviction of prisoners of war illegally detained after September 25, 1953, when all were supposed to be released.

AND THE OTHERS It went on to request the Secretary-General, Mr Dr Dag Hammarskjöld, in the name of the United Nations to seek the release in accordance with the Korean armistice agreement of these 11 United Nations Command personnel "and all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained."

Finally the Assembly requested Mr Hammarskjöld to make "by the means most appropriate in his judgment continuing and unrelenting efforts" to this end and to report progress to all members on or before December 31, 1954.

Immediately the vote had been taken Mr Hammarskjöld told the delegates that he assumed the responsibilities placed upon him by the resolution "with a deep sense of importance."

"I need not assure you that I will do everything in my power to serve the interests of this organisation," he said. He noted the request for a "progress report" by December

31 and said he was sure he was interpreting this demand correctly if he did not see in the date mentioned a deadline.

Mr Hammarskjöld also said he believed he was interpreting the resolution correctly if he understood the task "in the way in my judgment which is most in harmony with the task to be pursued."

Earlier the Indian delegate declared today that Communist China should be heard by the United Nations in its debate on the 11 American fliers imprisoned by Peking for alleged spying activities.

Speaking on the resolution Mr Arthur Lall said: "Is it not an elementary and universally accepted principle that there can be no condemnation without a full and fair hearing? Have we done that in this case? Unfortunately not."

CRUCIAL FACTS

He described China as "a country that constitutes a quarter of the world."

"We have maintained the form of a debate," Mr Lall said, "but in fact we cannot debate in the absence of one of the principal parties to the debate. And that this is so is borne out by the overabundance of surmise, speculation, scientific and pseudo-scientific theorising and even guess work as to many of the crucial facts germane to this matter."

"In the circumstances, my delegation cannot but refrain from attempting to discuss the substantive factors involved."

"We believe that the People's Republic of China has a right to be heard on this matter."

Mr Lall said that, therefore, India would abstain from voting.—Reuter & United Press.

NEHRU EFFORTS

Ottawa, Dec. 10. The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, today quoted the Prime Minister of India, Mr Nehru, as saying he would continue efforts to obtain the release of 11 American fliers sentenced to prison as spies by the Chinese Communists.

Mr Pearson told a press conference that last Saturday he and the Prime Minister, Mr Louis St. Laurent, sent Mr Nehru a telegram, saying that anything the Indian Prime Minister might be able to do concerning the American fliers "would be a very good thing."

Understanding Sought By U Nu

London, Dec. 10. U. Nu, the Burmese Prime Minister, today said Mr Chou En-lai, Premier of Communist China in Peking tonight he would do all he could to "bring about an understanding" between China and the United States, the New China News Agency reported.

U Nu was speaking at a farewell banquet for members of the Chinese Government. Mr Chou, Vice President Chu Teh and members of a Burmese goodwill mission were among his guests.

The Burmese Premier, who arrived in Peking on December 1, said: "We do not want these two esteemed countries (the United States and China) confronting each other with bitterness and hostility. As a friend of both we want these two countries to be on the friendliest of terms."

"I want to assure my esteemed friend Premier Chou En-lai that I will exert my utmost to bring about an understanding between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America."—Reuter.

Bing To Pay Up

Hollywood, Dec. 10. Three persons hurt in a collision with Bing Crosby's car a year ago won a \$100,000 settlement of their \$1,000 damage suit against the crooner today.

The attorneys for both sides announced, in the second day of a scheduled trial, that they had agreed to settle for that amount.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
Blue Bird
John Halifax
Possibility II
Outsider: Giddup.
RACE 2
Attractive Power
Pearl of Hongkong
Crown Witness
Outsider: Honey Dew.
RACE 3
Green Velvet
Easy-going
Strathpeffer
Outsider: Rider's Wish.
RACE 4
Four Aces
Gay Prince
Shiraz
Outsider: Apple Pie.
RACE 5
Scrabo
Fleetmaster
Henrietta
Outsider: Invincible.
RACE 6
Tune-phone
Ringdale
Evergreen
Outsider: Wild Out.
RACE 7
Chinese Mackerel
Solar Knight
Flaming Wheel
Outsider: Ambition.
RACE 8
Same Again
Every Day
Beautiful Phoenix
Outsider: Cirrus.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1
John Halifax
Blue Bird
Fieldmaster
Outsider: Giddup.
RACE 2
Pearl of Hongkong
Fortuna
V. I. P.
Outsider: The Hopeful.
RACE 3
Rider's Wish
Strathpeffer
Many Returns
Outsider: Penforce.
RACE 4
Four Aces
Shiraz
Gay Prince
Outsider: Never Mind.
RACE 5
Scrabo
Tip Top
Henrietta
Outsider: Quilzette.
RACE 6
Jotfield
Norse Lady
Evergreen
Outsider: Tune-phone.
RACE 7
Flaming Wheel
Supreme Command
Ambition
Outsider: Chinese Mackerel.
RACE 8
Cirrus
Every Day
Manxman
Outsider: Can Do.

Big Carrier To Be Christened Today

But Not Launched

Newport News, Virginia, Dec. 10.

The biggest warship ever built, the 60,000-ton aircraft carrier Forrestal, will be christened here tomorrow by Mrs James Forrestal, widow of the first United States Secretary of Defence.

Mrs Forrestal will break the traditional bottle of champagne against the carrier bow but there will be no conventional launching. The Forrestal was built in a dock into which water will be flooded to float her. She is not expected to be ready for sea for another year.

The carrier, probably about 67,000 tons fully loaded, is designed to carry atomic bombers on long range missions. Her 200,000 horsepower engine will give her a speed of nearly 40 knots.

Her flight deck is more than a 1,000 feet long and 252 feet across at its widest point.

She is the most expensive warship ever built and will cost nearly \$200,000,000 fully equipped. Her planes will cost an estimated \$175,000,000 (about £82,000,000).—Reuter.

Another "Soldier" Scene To Be Shot

Another scene in the "Soldier of Fortune" starring Clark Gable will be "shot" on board the s.s. Expo State Mariner today.

The scene depicting the arrival of the leading lady coming to Hongkong from Japan. Miss Dale Legue, stand-by for Miss Hayward, will take part in today's shooting but the "close-up" scene of the arrival will be "shot" in Hollywood.

Clark Gable may not be acting today, but he has been asked to stand by.

Acting in today's scene is Jack Kruschen, taking the part of Clark Gable's assistant in the "Soldier of Fortune."

Whisky Knock-out

Elmhurst, Dec. 10. An ingenious hold-up man used a new method last night to incapacitate his victims. After robbing a taxi driver and a service station attendant of \$20 he handed them a fifth of whisky and gave them six minutes to empty the bottle.—United Press.

POLIO CURE "ONE STEP NEARER"

Stockholm, Dec. 11. Discoveries by this year's Nobel Prize winners for medicine have brought a cure for polio "one step nearer". It was announced last night by Professor Sven Gard, leading Swedish virus expert at the presentation of the awards here.

The cause of the common cold should also be known soon, he said.

King Gustav handed over the prizes and Professor Gard made the formal address in praise of the three men, Dr John Enders, Dr Frederick C. Robbins and Dr Thomas Weller of the Boston Children's Hospital.

CEASED TO BE THREAT

"The 75-year-old fight against the bacterial diseases has been successful," Professor Gard said. "Although not completely eradicated, plague, cholera, typhoid, diphtheria and sepsis have ceased to be a threat to mankind."

"Tuberculosis seems to be under control. Turning to the virus diseases we meet an entirely different picture in all except yellow fever and epidemic typhus our art fails us. Worst of all many virus diseases are on the increase, a tendency particularly evident in poliomyelitis."

HANDICAPPED

Professor Gard then described how virologists had been severely handicapped by the difficulties connected with the cultivation of viruses, adding that in 1949 Enders and associates, Weller and Robbins reported the successful cultivation of the poliomyelitis virus in

test tube culture of human tissues.

"Other scientists have systematically pursued this line and the answer to the question of the cause of a number of diseases like the common cold now seems to be at hand."

A WARNING

"Weller has succeeded in cultivating the agents causing carcioma (chicken pox) and herpes zoster (shingles), and Enders has cultivated those causing measles. These viruses were previously almost inaccessible for study."

"We now possess essentially improved technical facilities for the combat of virus diseases. We should beware, however, of claiming any victories in advance," Professor Gard said.—Reuter.

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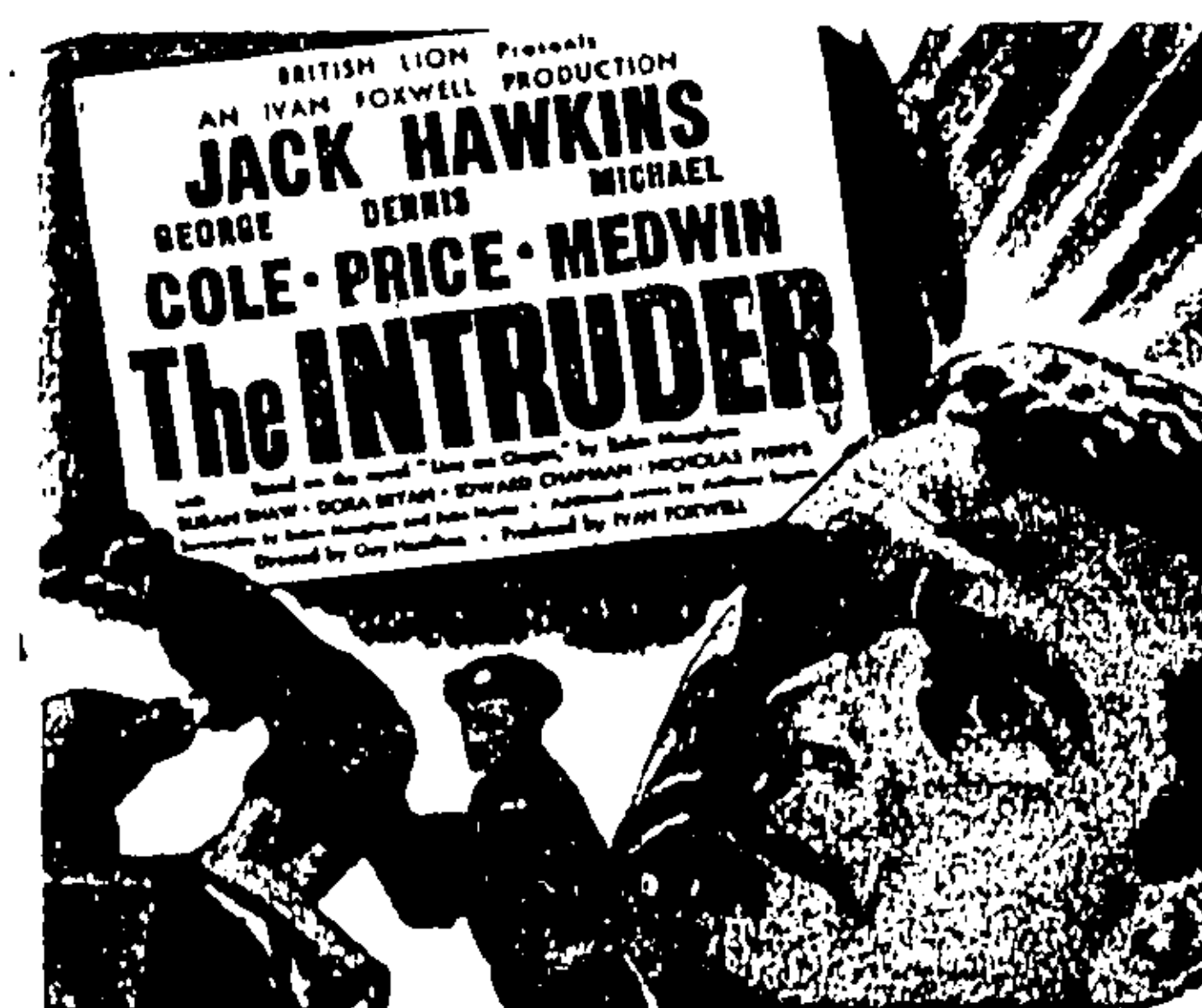
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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By JANE ROBERTS

There will be a wide variety of films from which to choose during the week-end and next week. Most of these are not scheduled for very long runs which, with the party tempo quickening up, will mean that if you have only one free night, you may miss the very one you want to see.

Here's the picture: Spectacle and drama in "Elephant Walk" at the EMPIRE, KING'S and PRINCESS will give way to the more intimate setting of "Innocents in Paris." This will be showing at the latter two cinemas only.

The LEE and GREAT WORLD take "The Intruder" and will follow it with a Chinese picture.

"A Woman's World" takes over the ROXY and BROADWAY Theatres now that "The Barefoot Contessa" has left, while across the road at the HOOVER they are showing "The Fortune Hunter." After that will come a thriller—"Witness to Murder."

The CAPITOL and LIBERTY will be bringing back two not quite new films after "The Flame and the Flesh." Both star our recent visitor, Ava Gardner, and in one Clark Gable is with her. They are, respectively, "Mogambo" and "Knights of the Round Table." The voice of Mario Lanza can be heard on the 23rd in "The Student Prince."

"A Bullet is Waiting" at the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA will be succeeded by an Italian picture—"Temptation"—and then will come "Don Juan." This is not a new picture, but a very good swashbuckler starring Errol Flynn and Viveca Lindfors.

In "Elephant Walk" Elizabeth Taylor is more sympathetic than before, with a more fragile appeal than she usually projects. In spite of her undoubtedly lovely face, Mrs. Taylor has always seemed rather cold, even in her love scenes. Perhaps it's the influence of the warm climate of Ceylon or possibly it's due to the challenge of taking over a role reluctantly relinquished by Vivien Leigh, whatever the cause, there's a lot more warmth than usual.

She's an ordinary little English girl in the picture, who, after her marriage to a wealthy young planter, is whisked from her quiet existence in the local bookshop to an enormous palace of a house built by her husband's father.

Everything is larger than life size, including the influence wielded by the dead father. To all her arguments and queries she receives the same answer: "The old master did it this way."

From being the understanding, pleasant young man who had courted her in England, her husband, Peter Finch, becomes an arrogant tyrant neglecting her by day for his work and by night for his hard-drinking friends who turn the house into a club.

Over all looms the menace of the elephants. In his domineering fashion, the old man had built the house in the direct path of the elephant herds who had used it for centuries to get to their water hole. This screams and trumpeting are like the slow drip of water on the girl's

head. The picture is a tale well told, full of interest and suspense. Jack Hawkins is back doing what he does best, that is, being an outstanding leader, always confident, and underplaying in traditional British hero style, and charming even a little Cockney tough into playing the game.

The flashback treatment is used intelligently in "The Intruder." The justification for using it is that it drives the viewer back into the past at the correct psychological moment for him to have a better understanding of what's going on in the present.

In "The Intruder" the flashback is in perfectly.

Michael Redgrave has the title role. During the war he'd been a cheery, reliable soldier in Jack Hawkins' company, living for the day and friendly with everyone.

As with so many people, peace is a much more difficult problem to cope with than the routine pattern of life in the Army. Tragically overtakes him on his first day home and it's this that turns him into the armed thief who breaks into the flat of his former colonel.

He escapes before Hawkins has a chance to question him (he'd not even realised whose flat he was burgling) but, before doing so, reveals that he's been in touch with one of the men in a photograph in the flat. It's a group snap taken of some of the officers and men of the tank regiment to which they both belonged.

Feeling that he might have taken more trouble to keep in touch with his men after giving up his wartime command to become a stockbroker, and that he's partly responsible for the changed Ginger Edwards.

Hawkins sets out to find and talk to the various men in the photo.

PROVOKES THOUGHT
"A Woman's World" is the answer to "Executive Suite." The treatment is different enough to save it from becoming a mere copy.

Basically, the idea is the same. A top executive in a large firm has died and his place has become vacant. In "Executive Suite" it was the vote of the major shareholders that was the deciding factor in choosing the successor. In "A Woman's World" it is the all-powerful, vixenish head of the company—Clifton Webb.

The lobbying and jockeying for position was done by the men in the earlier picture; in the new one, as the title suggests, it's the women who are supposed to be the deciding feature.

Carrying the comparison a little further, however, it was indicated in "Executive Suite" that some of the protagonists were completely unsuitable for the position and when William Holden got the job in the last scene the argument for his selection had been fairly stated and proved.

The three contestants in "A Woman's World" are all nice fellows, and I don't think the script writer makes out a good enough case for the finalist. In addition to the winner not being shown as the personality he would need to be to justify Clifton Webb's choice, the wives, in any event, were not the deciding factor they were meant to be.

That this picture provokes thought, however, is in its favour and I would urge you to go to see it, whatever your taste in entertainment.

Clifton Webb's beautifully modulated voice speaks the prologue, the camera following him along as he murses with a self-satisfaction that could be irritating in a smaller man, on the enormous empire that he's inherited from his father; on the way he's increased it and on the smoothness with which it runs. Some of the spoken thoughts coursing through his head are very witty. I especially liked his definition of the convertible car the company manufactures.

"Our convertible," he drily comments, "is designed to convert your capital into our dividend."

The three wives have definitely been type-cast, but to the advantage of the picture. Lauren Bacall is Fred MacMurray's wife: cool, poised, well-dressed and with a nice line in dignified wisecracks.

Jane Allison is the pleasant little wife type: homely, shy and overawed by the Big City.

Tight dresses, slinky talk and no inhibitions are Arlene Dahl's stock in trade and they very nearly succeed in getting Van Heflin the coveted job.

The suspense element is a little overdone, I think, but as Clifton Webb so obviously loves to dominate the scene and does it so well, his long-windedness in making his final choice known can be forgiven.

As the three men under the microscope, Cornel Wilde, Van Heflin and Fred MacMurray could hardly have been bettered. I've put them in what I consider to be their order of merit, but all were prize-worthy.

Jean Negulesco directed this very worthwhile picture.

"The Fortune Hunter" is a Western starring John Derek. Cattle stampede, guns chatter in the streets and the girls wear piled-up hats and face-length dresses. The name of the saloon (no Western is complete without one) is "The Banner" and although I haven't seen it, I'm willing to bet that there'll be a bar-room cutie who'll be dressed in an off the shoulder top and lace thighs.

Strange how a clap of thunder, a street at night, the wind whirling a piece of paper down that street, can create such an eerie atmosphere. It's a recipe that's been used many times, but it still sends an anticipatory shiver of excitement down one's spine.

It's the curtain raiser to "Witness to Murder."

The shot is held for a minute or so, the awning over the apartment house entrance flaps desolately in the wind and slowly the camera moves up to a window in one of the flats.

Inside, Barbara Stanwyck is asleep. The movement of her window blind wakes her and sleepily she goes to the window to close it. The curtains of the flat opposite are suddenly wrenched apart and to her horror a man is seen struggling with a woman. In a few seconds the all over the woman plumps to the floor. Released from her inertia, Barbara Stanwyck rushes to the telephone to call the police.

The rest of the film is concerned with her attempts to convince them that George Sanders

has actually committed a murder. His reputation is spotless. He's a well known author, smooth and reasonably in spite of Barbara Stanwyck's apparent delusions—and anonymous letters he starts to receive have been typed on her machine.

To cap it all, there's no body. His reluctant suggestion that she's a victim of hallucinations is accepted by everyone but the police lieutenant, Gary Merrill. A mild love affair develops between these two and her only hope is to convince him that she's telling the truth.

The beginning of this film is excellently done.

George Sanders acts as I should imagine any killer would. Being confronted with a situation in which a person can do him harm, he kills that person without much thought of the consequences. An intelligent man, he nevertheless forgets a lot of important details at the time of the killing, calmness and calculation setting in afterwards.

There's an interval after the police have left, satisfied with his explanation that nothing happened in his apartment and that the woman who says she saw the whole thing dreamed it all, when he paces up and down in a quagmire. Then, from indecision his mood changes to anger that one single woman witness should have got him into this defensive position.

Up to this point George Sanders shows that he really can act when called upon to do so. It's a pity that an unreal flamboyance is written into his part in the film, and his acting deteriorates proportionately.

As a thriller though, it thrills in spite of one or two unacceptable situations.

For instance, although Barbara Stanwyck had been expected to the horror of two days in the observation ward of a mental institution in the company of three ghastly neurotic women, would she have contemplated suicide, even though nobody believed her story?

And would the police have made such a cursory examination of the apartment of someone accused of murder?

Perhaps I'm too fussy—let me make amends by saying that it's a very gripping picture.

ONE OF HER BEST
If you haven't yet seen "The Flame and the Flesh" today is your last chance to do so; and if you like Lana Turner this is undoubtedly one of her best.

It proves beyond doubt that, in spite of all the up and coming stars, nobody has been able yet to displace her from her own particular throne. She is still way out ahead in portraying earthy allure uncomplicated by scruples, and her role in "The Flame and the Flesh" is tailored to fit her like a glove.

Bonar Colleano, for once not looking as though he's about to chew gum and break into a jitterbug routine any moment, is a mean, sympathetic character. His eagerness to please the stray girl he befriends has enough manliness in it to save it from becoming too sugary and Pier Angeli is pretty enough in an angular way to make her wide-eyed innocence appealing rather than irritating.

But it's Lana's picture and she commands attention all the way through.

Charles Thompson you either like or you don't.

In "The Stand at Apache River" Stephen McNally was on the side of the law, bringing in his man to trial. History repeats itself in "A Bullet is Waiting," though this time McNally isn't shown in such a favourable light.

Rory Calhoun is his prisoner and his crime is the alleged killing of McNally's brother. We gather that all McNally wants is for Calhoun to try to make a run for it so that he can, with justification, shoot him in the back.

A storm delays their journey and they stop at the sheep ranch of Brian Aherne and his daughter, Jean Simmons, up in the High Sierras.

It's a curious place in which to find a philosopher. But it's Brian Aherne's logic that provides a peaceful solution for the two men.

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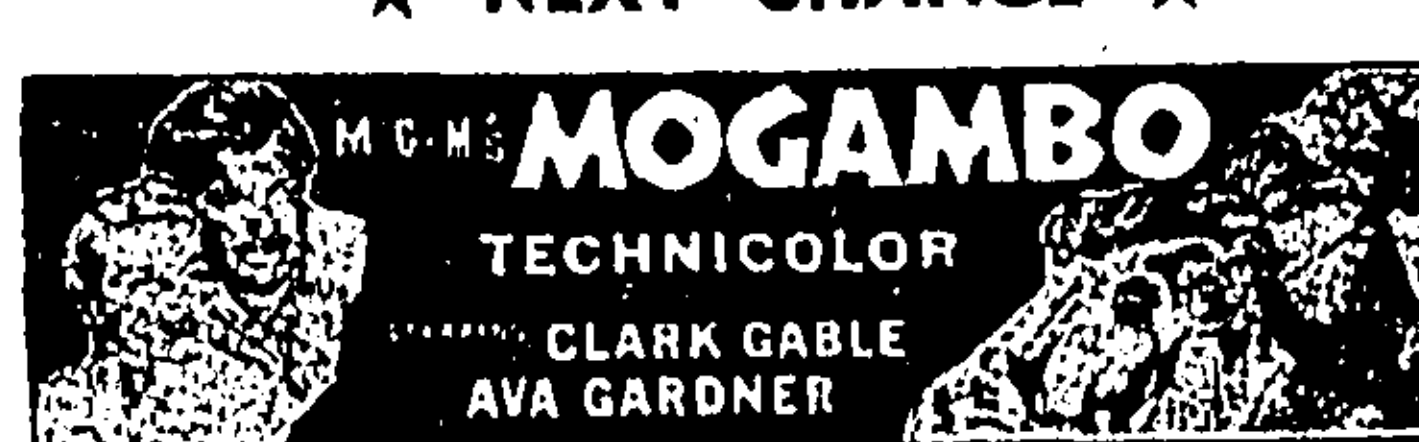
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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

WHAT CHILDREN WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, 1954

Atomic age or no atomic age, junior is asking this Christmas for the same toys his father used to get from Santa. That means cowboy suits, bikes, wagons, and the ever-popular electric train.

Toy manufacturers, who are chalking up their first billion-dollar year with record Christmas sales, report that space suits and other "science fiction" toys have a certain appeal, but on the whole, children prefer something more conventional.

"It may surprise people to know that steam locomotive outill diesel four to one. In electric trains, said C. E. H. Jette of Louis Marx and Co., the world's largest toy maker, "Freight cars move faster, sell faster, than steam engines. The kids want a train to haul something, like a real train does."

Child psychologists and educators agree that today's boy has a more active interest in "play value" and participation in his toys. The A.C. Barker Co. learned this the hard way three years ago.

A-Bomb Kit

Gilbert came out with a so-called atomic bomb kit, complete with geiger counter and radioactive "uranium particles." The boys turned up their noses. It was too far-fetched, and besides, it wouldn't blow up anything.

So Gilbert went back to concentrating on such sure-fire items as trains that haul tiny milk cans.

Particularly, the diesel locomotive is something with a line, are selling better than ever. This year, kids are also adding model automobiles, tops and ice planes, some only slightly smaller than the living room will be under many trees on Christmas morning.

A snappy model Jaguar has 33 parts to assemble. One tractor has 47 removable parts. There is a "y" bulldozer that actually moves dirt.

Helicopters that rise 40 to 50 feet in the air will be buzzing many a neighborhood on Christmas Day. While these are basically an outdoor toy, the manufacturer has equipped it with a suction cup so it will

COLOURED MINK NEXT YEAR

Ottawa. Canadian minks will sport "more exotic" colours this winter and next.

Just plain mink isn't good enough for minkily now. She wants pastel blues, silvers and blues.

So, the little mink has obliged. A few generations ago, experts produced mutations.

"The recent trend toward more exotic colours in mink coats in this country and in the United States is reflected in 1954 pelt production forecasts," mink breeders said.

"It is expected that this year's pelt season, which commences shortly, will see close to 140,000 silverblue and 200,000 pastel mink pelts coming off Canadian ranches."

FOLLOW-UP TREND
The production represents gains of 30 and 75 per cent, respectively, over 1953.

The once-dominant "standard mink" pelt crop will show a decline this year of more than 20 per cent from 1953. The furs are placed the harvest at 250,000 pelts.

Thus, the fashion trend in mink furs is following a pattern similar to that of the silver fox in the "thirties," the breeders said. "Twenty years ago the standard silver bowed out in popular demand to the so-called platinum types."

This year's fox pelt output in Canada is expected to fall off by about 45 per cent.

Today's mink breeding-stock population in Canada stands at more than 282,000, down some eight per cent from last year. The decrease is blamed on a drop of 40,000 in the number of standard minks.—United Press

How Goats Get Their Tit-bits In The Off-season



Although the Children's Zoo in London is closed down for the winter months, the popular and mischievous goats, with their enormous and insatiable appetites, have found a way of making sure that they still get their tit-bits. They stand on their hind legs at the barrier separating the children's section from the main Zoo and find that visitors are unable to resist their silent appeal. — London Express Photo.

Come To Austria For The World's Safest Skiing

Vienna.

The Austrian Ski Association, aware that fear of broken bones affects business, is offering the "world's safest skiing," as part of its drive to make the coming winter tourist season the biggest since World War II.

The Association gives figures to back up its claim. It says that now more than two skiers per month break legs at the average big Austrian snow resort, while the number at resorts of other nations often exceeds 15 on a single week-end.

Better teaching and more of it makes the difference, the Austrians say. Most big hotels in Tyrolean and Vorarlberg resorts like Kitzbuehel and Zuers have their own ski instructors, drawn from the international skiing elite.

245 Ski Lifts

More ski lifts and cables cars than ever before help too in making the winter tourist get the full measure of enjoyment. This winter there will be 245 ski lifts and 38 cable cars lines operating in the Austrian ski country.

For those who like their sports less strenuous, the alpine highway carries 13,000-foot Grossglockner mountain is turned into a giant sled trail after it becomes impassable for cars.

On Boxing Day, December 26, and Epiphany, January 6, there will be sled races for all classes with the town of Hellenblut as the finish line.

Ski racing fans will have the chance to see at least three major international meets this season—the Hahnenkam race in Kitzbuehel on January 15 and 16, the international alpine junior meet at Innsbruck on February 12 and 13 and the Seefeld meeting on March 5 and 6.

Winter Sports

Curling is another winter sport popular in the Austrian alps. Dressed in red and green

peasant jackets, long leather pants and broad-brimmed hats, mountain farmers meet each winter Sunday to watch the heavy wooden disks skim across the ice.

Seefeld in Tyrol province will hold this year's Austrian curling championships on December 19.

World sports interests will centre on Vienna on February 13-17 when the world figure skating championships will be held.

Most of the hotels in this resort areas offer a three-day package deal including a room with a bath, heat, tax and three meals a day for about 200 schillings or about £2-12-6 a day.

City-type night life during the winter months can be found in nearly all of the bigger resorts like Lech, St Anton, Zell am See, Zuers and Kitzbuehel.—United Press.

Don't Fall For This Trick!

Washington. The Post Office warns: Beware of the "Spanish Swindle." It is a "hidden money" scheme still being used to cheat Americans out of more than \$100,000 a year.

Postmaster-General Mr. Arthur E. Summerfield says the swindlers now appear to be picking names of victims from "Who's Who in America" and from lists of professional people. He added it is hard to tell how many Americans have been victimized because many keep their losses to themselves to avoid embarrassment.

Mr. Summerfield said there are many forms of the "racket" but essentially it is worked like this: The intended victim gets a letter from Mexico from a man "in prison" who claims he has a lot of U.S. currency hidden outside the goal. The letter says that to get out of prison to get this money, the sender must have money—usually about \$10,000—which the victim is to bring to Mexico.

In many cases the "prisoner" enhances the prospect of the Mexican trip by mentioning his "beautiful daughter" who will be the go-between.

When the victim arrives in Mexico he is met by the swindlers and relieved of his cash by trickery or force.—United Press.

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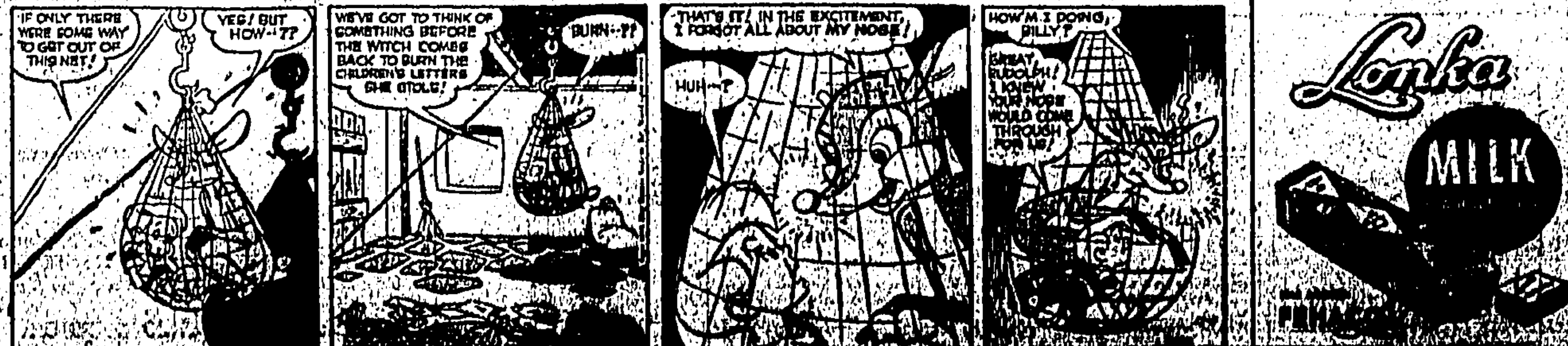
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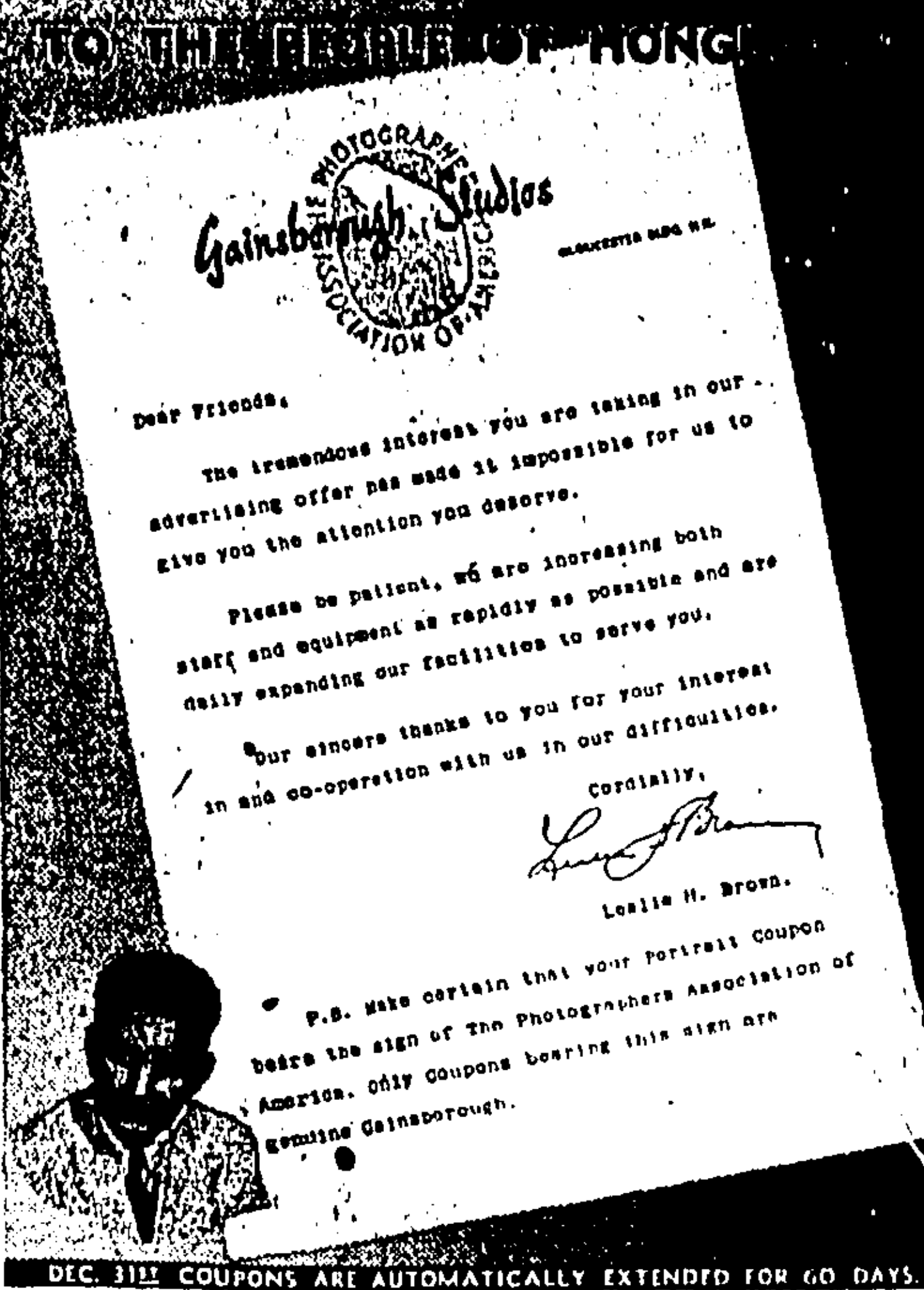
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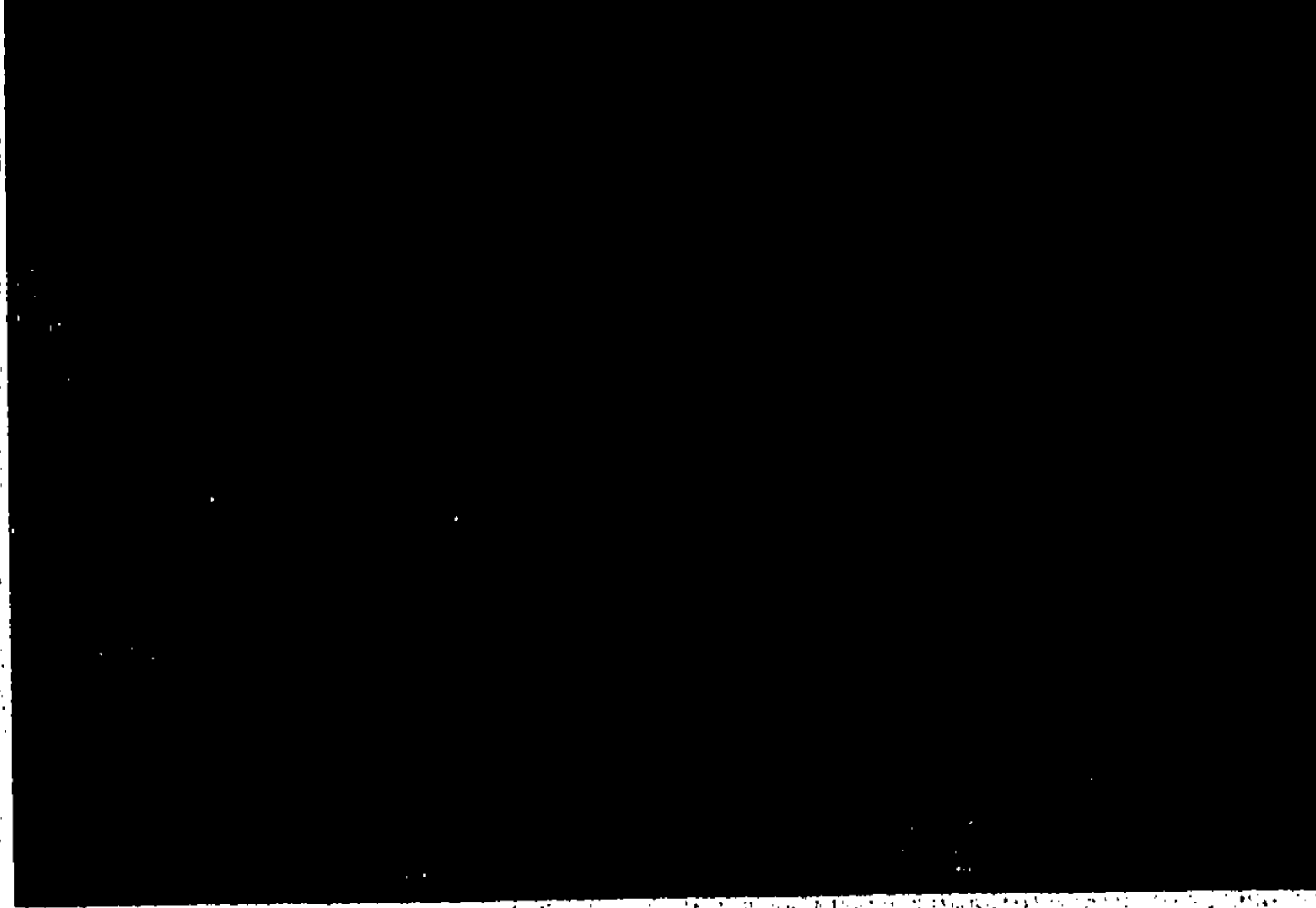
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WINIFRED ATWELL, 34-year-old boogie-woogie pianist, with five million records to her name, recently went to the Royal Albert Hall in London to play Grieg's Piano Concerto with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. To Winifred, it was a life's ambition come true. Here she is at the Albert Hall rehearsal. (Express)



BELOW: A. E. Matthews, the actor, celebrating his 85th birthday with the traditional cake. He is starring in London in "The Manor of Northstead." He is second from right. (Express)

SCENE at Waterloo Station as Her Majesty the Queen greets the Queen Mother on her return from her Canadian tour. The Duke of Edinburgh and the Royal children wait their turn to give their welcome. (Express)

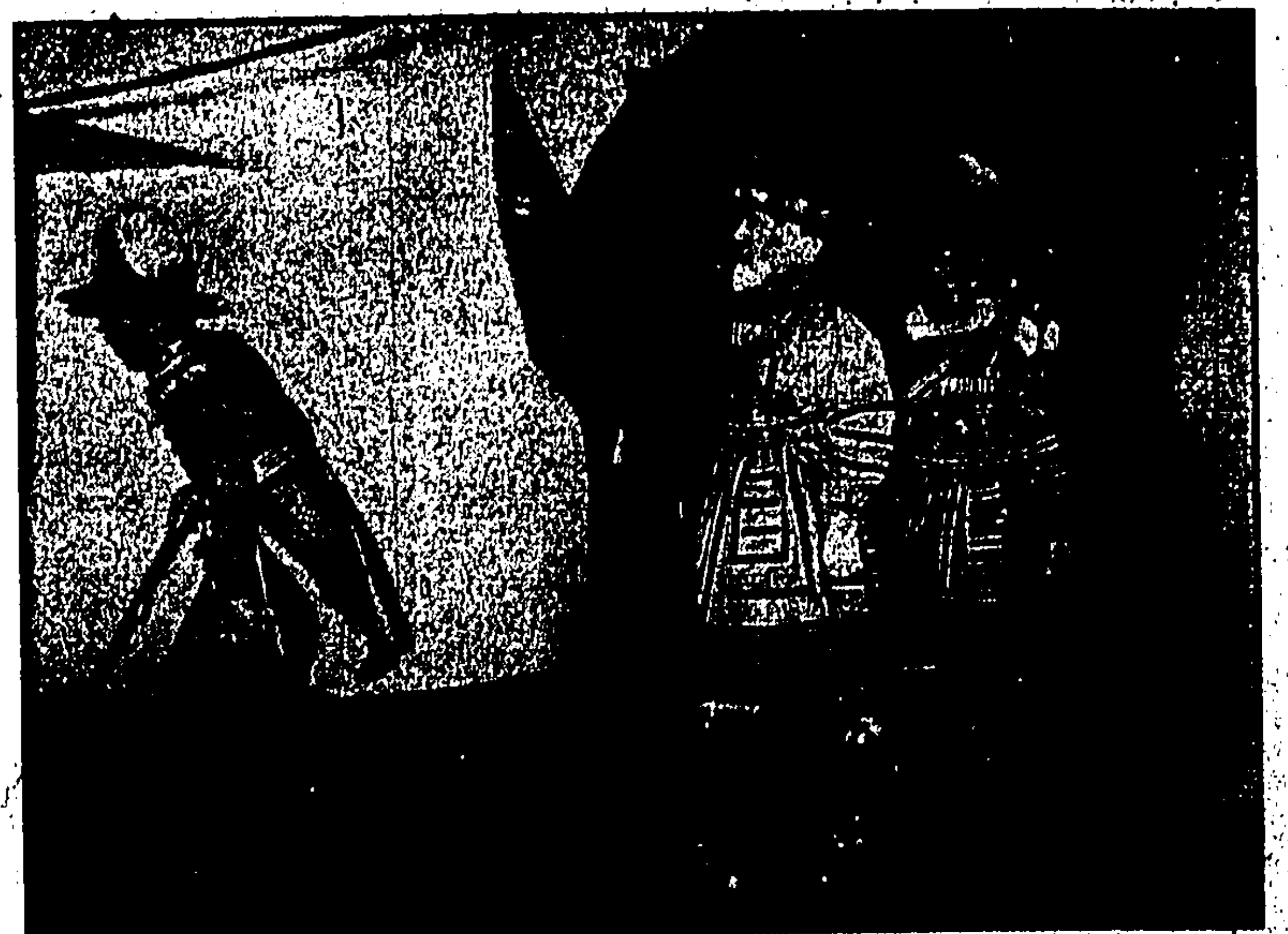


THE Bertram Mills Circus is in its winter quarters at Ascot preparing for the Christmas season show at Olympia. Here is 15-year-old actress Janette Scott with two of the Knapstrurper horses, the spotted horses from Denmark, which are the first of their kind to be seen in London for 30 years. (Army News)



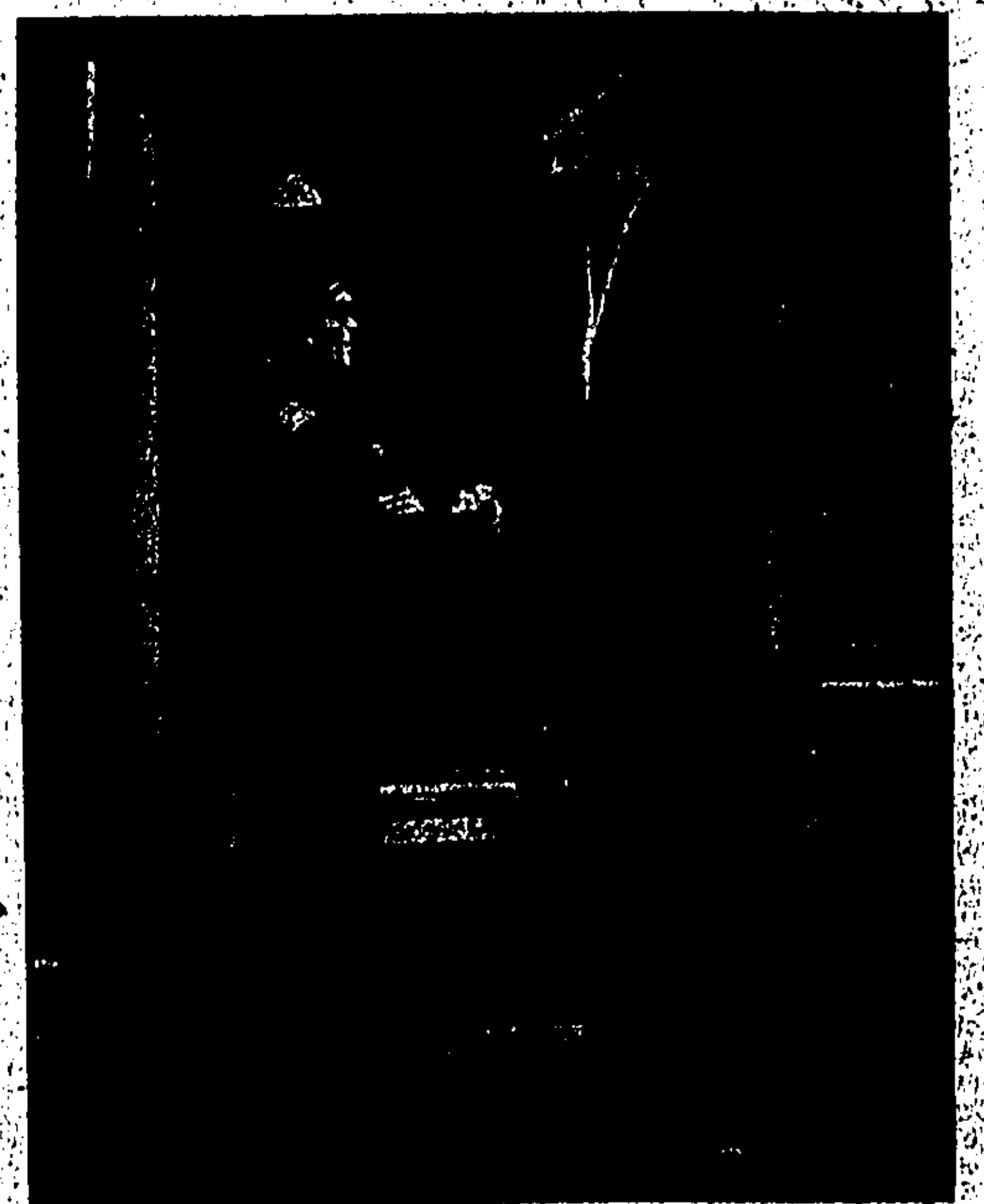
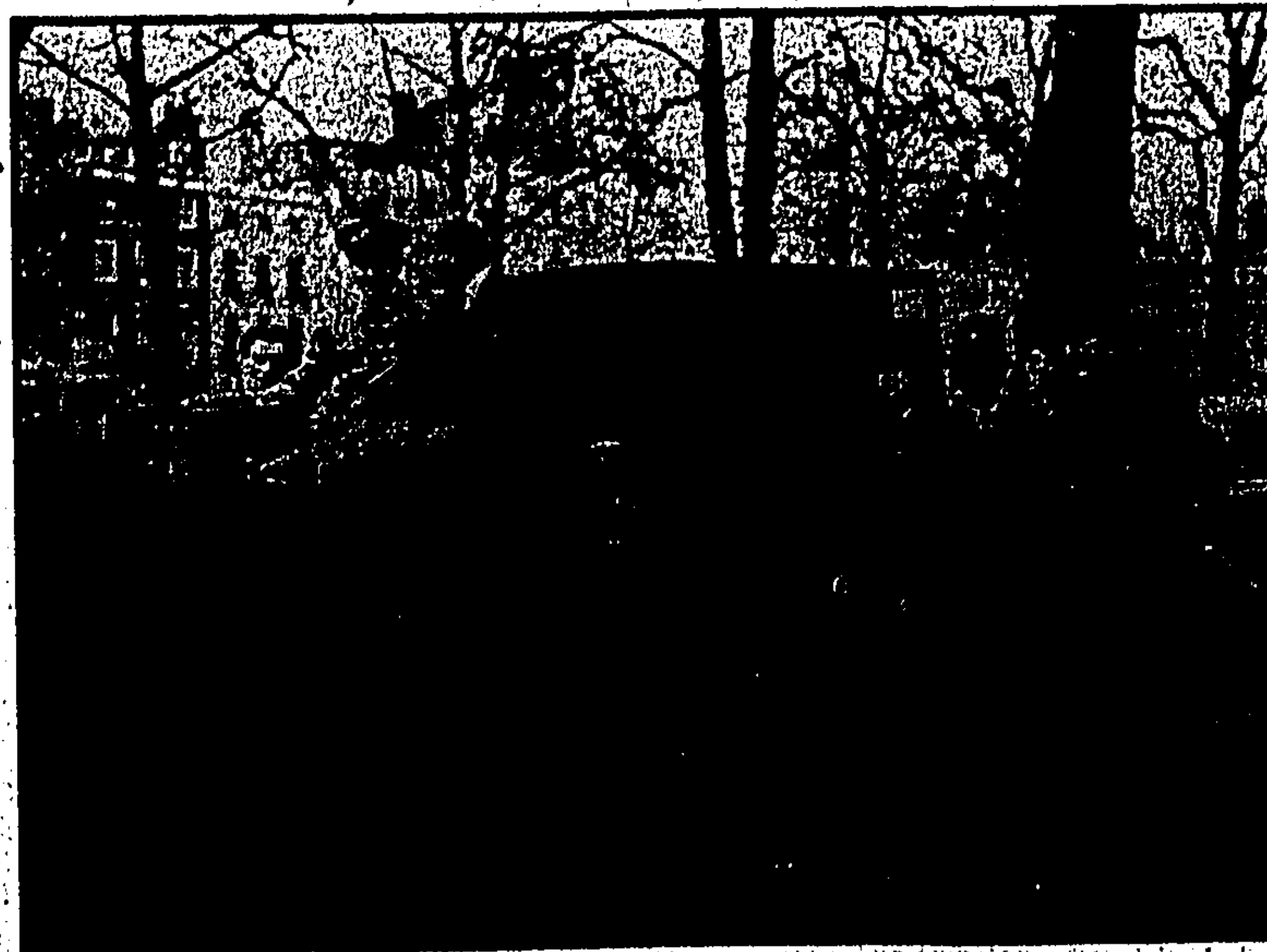
LEFT: Flood water sweeping round a farm near Gloucester, in the Severn Valley. This is the result of recent heavy rains and gales, which reached 90 miles per hour.

MISS Mary Roche, 19-year-old daughter of Lord Fermoy, and Mr Anthony Berry, 29, youngest son of Lord Kemsley, leave St Margaret's, Westminster, after their marriage. (Express)

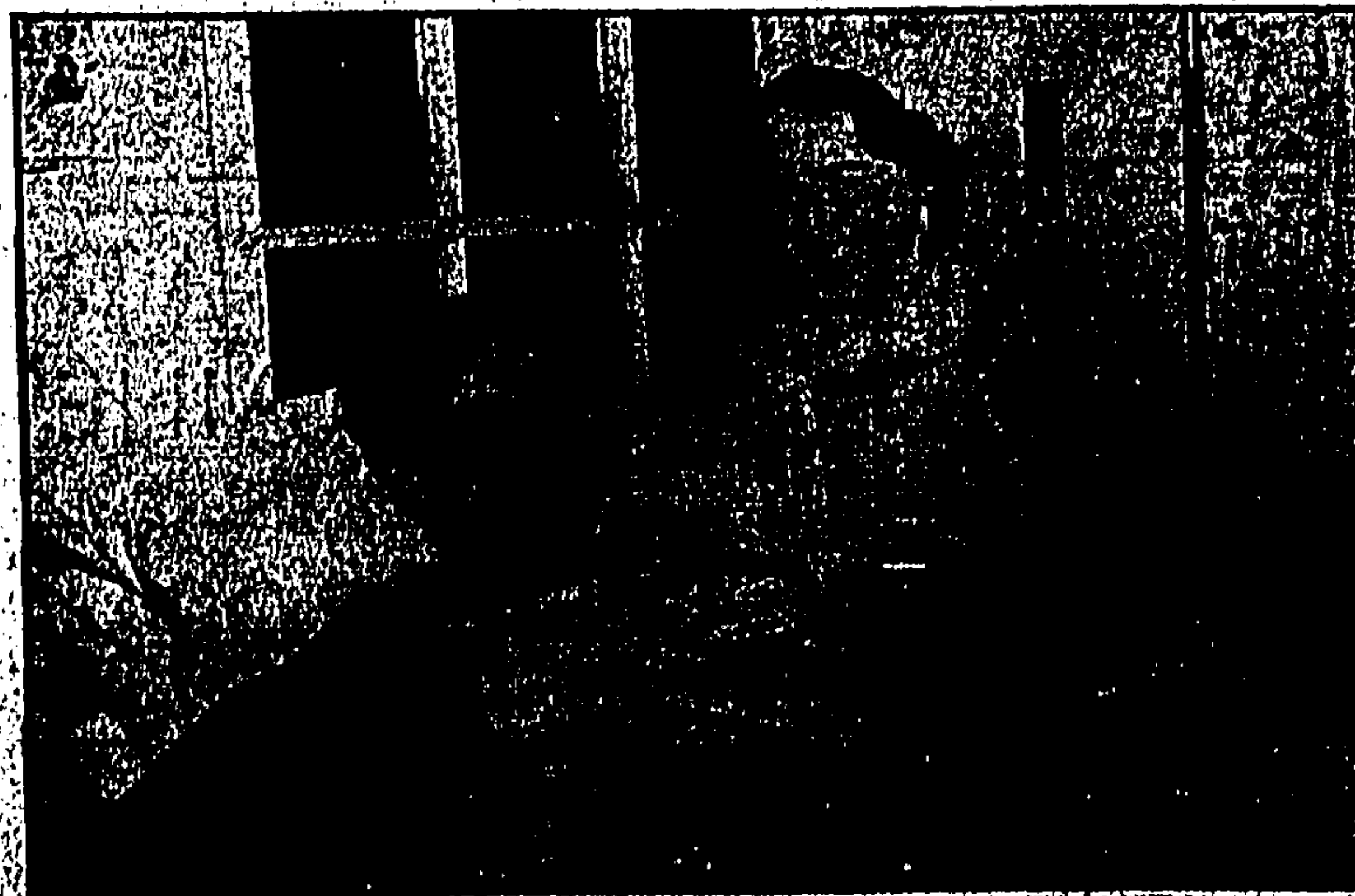


BELOW: Lord Brabazon (bowler hat) and Mr John Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Transport, about to board an 1898 battery-driven brougham for a drive through West End traffic to luncheon with the Road-farers' Club. (Express)

A ceremony which dates back to the 17th century took place in the Houses of Parliament just before the State opening of Parliament by the Queen. The Yeomen of the Guard search the vaults of the House to see if all is well. (Express)



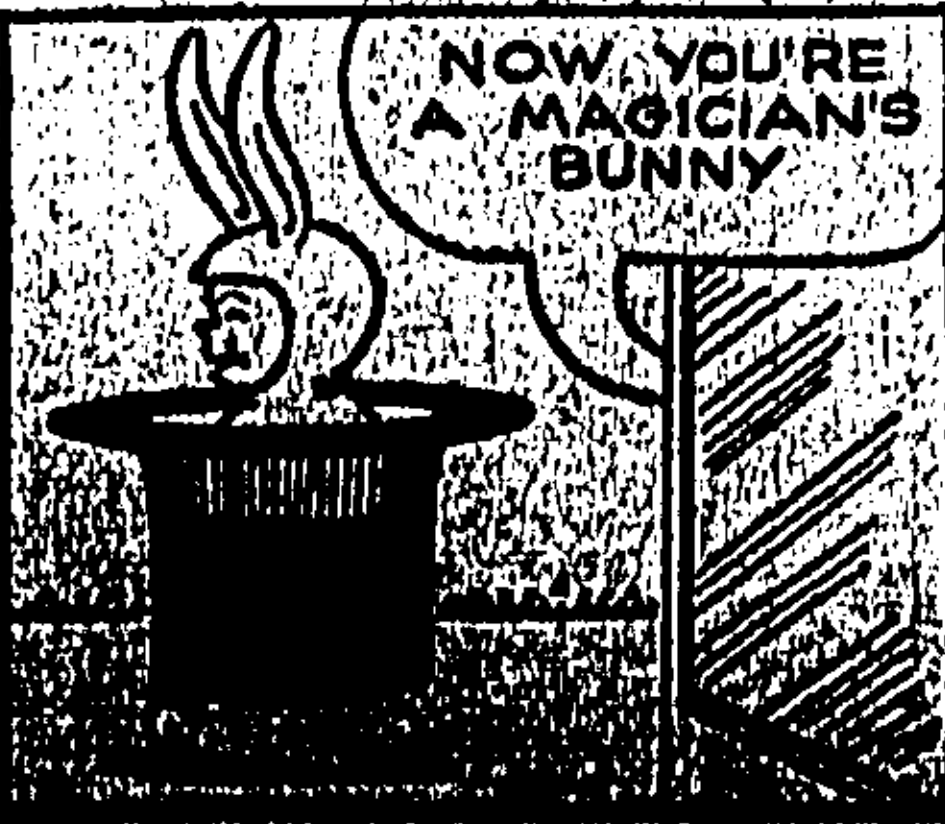
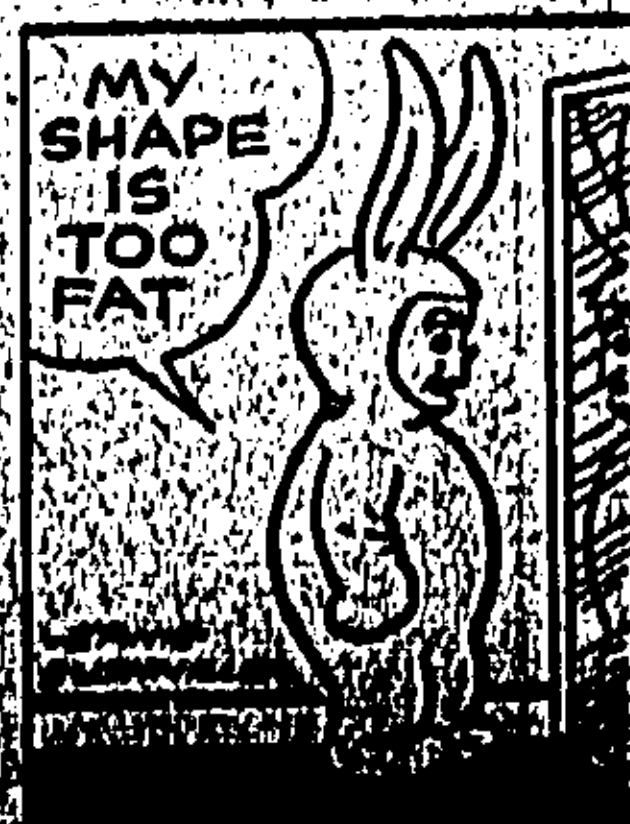
HARRY READING, aged 18, volunteered for the Guards last week, and made everyone look up at him. He is 6 ft. 8 1/2 in. tall — and still growing. He is seen shaking hands with Recruiting Sergeant George Spencer. (Express)



MINISTRY of Agriculture scientist Ronald Hurton, who was the only person to be rescued from the South Goodwin Lightship that capsized during recent gales, is seen in hospital at Ramsgate where he is recovering. He was aged 40 when the ship was wrecked. (Express)

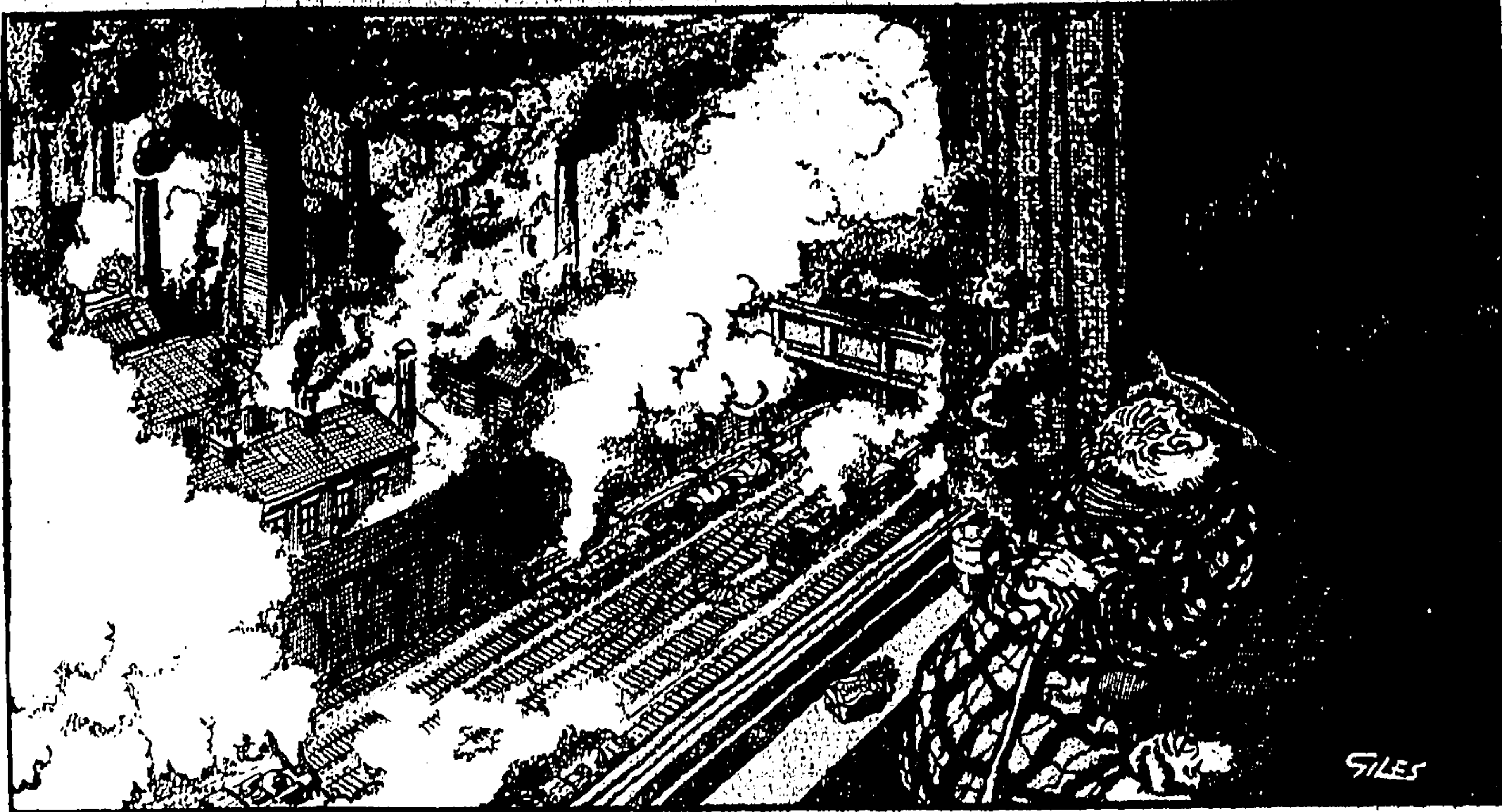
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



DAILY NEWS

SMOG REPORT... by GILES



"Why do you always have to be awkward, Grandpa—telling that smog inspector that you're 97, lived here all your life and love it?"

London Express-Berlin

It looked like a tragedy by moonlight.... but where was the body?...and who was the shy girl in the red cloak?

THE CASE OF THE BOGUS HEIRESS

JOHN HOLLAND tells another of the World's Strangest Stories

THE moon rode high and full over the Welsh hills, its beams floodlighting the cliff road. The car sped eastwards, the pretty young woman at the wheel exulting in the thrill of the night ride. At her side sat her sister, behind her the chauffeur momentarily giving over the wheel to his employer.

This was 1908. Motor cars were rare to North Wales and a woman driver was an affront to nature. Then as the car rounded Penmaenbach Point, came tragedy. A twisting skid of the front end sent the car careening into the stone wall and a body hurtling through the shattered windscreen, screaming in the night and rolling over and over down the 40-foot side of the cliff. . . and the splash as it hit the water to be washed quickly away by the tide.

Such was the story that the young girl and the chauffeur told as they sat on the cliff edge, bruised and almost insensible when help came. Monday's papers were full of it; of the tragedy of the "Lady Mortimer's death"—the headlines had it—a tragedy that touched the nation when it became known that the lady, Miss Violet Charlesworth, was within a few days of inheriting a large fortune.

It was said that Violet had been engaged to an Army officer named Gordon, who had gone out to South Africa and died on his way home, leaving her all his money—close on £200,000 that she would have inherited on her 25th birthday. Even so, she was young and rich and pretty, her life had been almost choked with luxury and success. She and her sister, Lillian, spent most of their time at their villa in St Asaph, where each had a car, a chauffeur, and innumerable servants. In Wiltshire she rented a large hall, redecorated it and filled it with kennels for her St. Bernards. And, of course, there was a house in Scotland, a fine Ross-shire home, where the shooting was known to be excellent and where she could drive her fleet of cars wildly over the mountains and the moors.

Another Estate

Violet, decorated the house with the tartan of her clan, the Gordons, and was well known in the social life of Inverness, attending the Northern Ball, only to be panned by London society as the Highland Beauty. And then just before that awful night-ride along the Welsh coast, along the bank where once the Walrus and the Carpenter swept those such quantities of sand, she announced through her solicitor in London that she was looking for yet another estate "of the value of £80,000."

Public interest in the tragedy was so great that a serious discussion of the possibility of women drivers took place. The whole thing was a puzzle, and a puzzle was what the nation was looking for.

circumstances of the tragic ride along the Welsh coast. "Where was the poor, drowned body?" was one of the questions they asked. Very little water—little enough to drown a baby—covers the sands below the fine road round Penmaenbach. And how was the body washed away when a shallow sandy shelf stretched out from the cliff for half a mile? Where was the blood that must have been spilt when Violet Charlesworth was hurled through the windscreen? And the car itself—why, if it had collided with the cliff wall, was it not damaged? The steering wheel, behind which Violet Charlesworth had sat, was untouched.

Distressed

The superintendent of police, on arriving at the scene of the accident, packed the chauffeur and the young lady off home. They were terribly distressed, yet, when the superintendent thought about it afterwards, how had the chauffeur, thrown on to a rock full of jagged points, escaped injury? And Lillian Charlesworth, for all the unnerving experience she had been through and all her apparent distress, was beneath it all remarkably calm. The nurse at the home to which the two were taken said afterwards, "I never saw a woman so calm after such a terrible accident."

The Press, not so hamstrung by the law of libel as they are today, made up their minds quickly. Violet Charlesworth was not dead. The accident was a fake. Violet Charlesworth had never been in the motor car that moonlit Saturday night. But she had disappeared. Why?

And when it was recalled that this was the girl who in a few days was to inherit a large fortune the question grew. A pile of her sister's music was found in a West End store. They were mainly Scottish airs and her favourites were marked. Heavily scored was "Will ye nae come back again?"

Act of Devotion

Gradually the truth emerged. Violet Charlesworth had good reason for disappearing. The bills were coming in—tradesmen's bills, jewellers' bills, estate agents' bills, motor dealers' bills. There was a petrol bill for £28, and when someone in St Asaph did a little sum, they were mainly Scottish airs and her favourites were marked. Heavily scored was "Will ye nae come back again?"

She was owing £10,000 on her dealings in stocks and shares. All who had done business with Violet spoke of her as gentle and shy, tactful yet firm; none could suggest the air of an adventurer. It was clear that most had given the girl credit on the strength of her inheritance story. But not all were tradespeople anxious to show their greedy share of the girl's fortune.

Just before she started her night ride Violet Charlesworth declared she was taking ship to the Bay of Biscay to drop a bomb on the enemy.



VIOLET CHARLESWORTH
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her lover and benefactor had lost his life. This touching act of devotion brought tears to the eyes of her creditors and obtained for her every penny of the life savings of a trusting old woman, who was left destitute by her misguided generosity.

But where was Violet Charlesworth? Where had she flown? A young lady in a crimson cloak was seen crossing from Holyhead to Kingstown, and the hunt was immediately on. For a fortnight the public, lightly throwing the salt of tragedy over its left shoulder, turned to the more lasting excitement of the hue and cry. Where was the lady in the crimson cloak? The man in the street developed an instantaneous ophthalmic capacity for seeing red. Violet Charlesworth was sighted simultaneously at Birmingham, Crewe, Swansea, Bury and the Isle of Man.

But a young journalist was close on her trail. He followed her to Conway, then to Crewe, then to Glasgow, then through blizzard and snowstorm, across mountains and streams to the Western Isles of Scotland, and located her at last in Tolermore, on Stevenson's romantic Island of Mull. There she had arrived by the MacBrayne steamer, Clansman, with her rich furs and her tightly corded boxes and wearing bridal white beneath her crimson cloak, only to be recognised by the local baker as the young woman who, two summers ago, had cut such a considerable dash in the town.

Locked Up

She crossed the following day to Oban, registered at MacPherson's Palace Temperance Hotel in the name of Margaret Cameron McLeod and locked herself up in a private room, a frightened mouse hiding behind the window, unaware that exposure lay just outside.

The young journalist waited his moment, then caught her unawares in the drawing room. He knew her too well by now; the soft, wavy brown hair parted in the middle, the tiny face with the small splash, like an acid mark on the left temple, her broad white forehead and fine white teeth, and above all her eyes, her beautiful, innocent brown eyes that would melt the heart of any man.

demure young creature was without a doubt Violet Charlesworth, though throughout their interview she denied it. For a little while longer she kept up the farce but when the police arrived at Oban with her sister, Lillian, she at last admitted she was the vanished Violet.

There one wishes the story might have ended, but there was a sequel, sordid and unwelcome. A ruthless public feted Violet Charlesworth as a sort of heroine; she was given a music-hall contract of £300 a week to appear thrice-nightly dressed in her crimson cloak in a 14-minute sketch entitled "A Clever Woman." She herself did all her own business arrangements. But when she went on to the stage of the Canterbury Music Hall in Westminster Bridge Road all she could do was stand and be gaped at.

This was too much even for a foolish public. She was hissed and laughed at, but already a Sunday newspaper had paid her a large sum for her "life story." More than a year later the real story came out. Bankruptcy proceedings were instituted against her—her debts amounted to £27,000. She and her mother—a mysterious figure who had so far succeeded in keeping in the background—were convicted

at the Old Bailey for conspiring to obtain money on false pretences. Both were sent to prison; Violet for five long years. No proceedings were taken against Lillian.

It was made clear at the trial that the whole system of fraud was conceived and developed by the mother, who for years had trained her daughter to act the part of a young heiress. She "borrowed" hundreds of pounds from trusting neighbours on the strength of her daughter's bogus expectations, only to be "out-bid" later by Violet herself. Where her mother had aimed at hundreds, Violet reached for thousands.

Only Way Out

It was Violet who had set up the imposing home at St Asaph, Violet who had rented the house in Scotland, Violet who had built the kennels at Wells. It was Violet who had printed the fine notepaper adorned with a pheasant crest and the motto—"Death rather than Dishonour"—which was so effective in replying to tradespeople's demands. But Violet's checkers at last came home to roost and her carefully staged "death" was her only way out.

Her mother remained unrepentant in her small way right to the bitter end. Standing beside her daughter in the dock she led her innocent. "I believed in Violet," she said, "and I was led astray."

AT THE UNIVERSITY:

LOVE—NOT EXAMS—CAUSES TROUBLE

LOVE, or lack of it, causes more harm to university students than all the cramming to pass examinations.

That is the theory of Dr Ronald J. Still of the student health department of Leeds University. He produces figures which will cause discussion in every home where there is a boy or girl with a chance of a university education.

Dr Still says quite boldly that one out of every 10 students who entered a university this session in Britain is a potential case of mental illness.

His verdict is based on a study of the undergraduate population at Leeds. It has led him to believe that not only do one in 10 students become affected mentally in some degree, but that two or three percent will show up as serious, or moderately serious, cases.

And he blames frustrated love as one of the most important causes of the trouble.

Looking into many examples of prolonged absence from studies, Dr Still says that few of falling exams, over-work or too stiff a curriculum are really responsible.

Next on the list of culprits, according to the doctor, is lack of love at home or the foolish behaviour of parents.

"Over-ambitious parents may expect more of their children than their capabilities justify. Even the self-sacrificing father or mother may lead a son or daughter to plan their time unwisely."

Worse still, "Invidious comparisons between the performance of brothers or sisters may produce an intolerable strain for the less able."

Dr Still believes too that many students get to universities who should never have gone there in the first place.

These youngsters with inherent defects demonstrate their unsuitability by having attacks of depression, or other acute symptoms.

University health experts will doubtless hurry along to try to refute all these figures and assumptions. Indeed, one or two have already done so.

But there is no doubt that all is not entirely well in university life.

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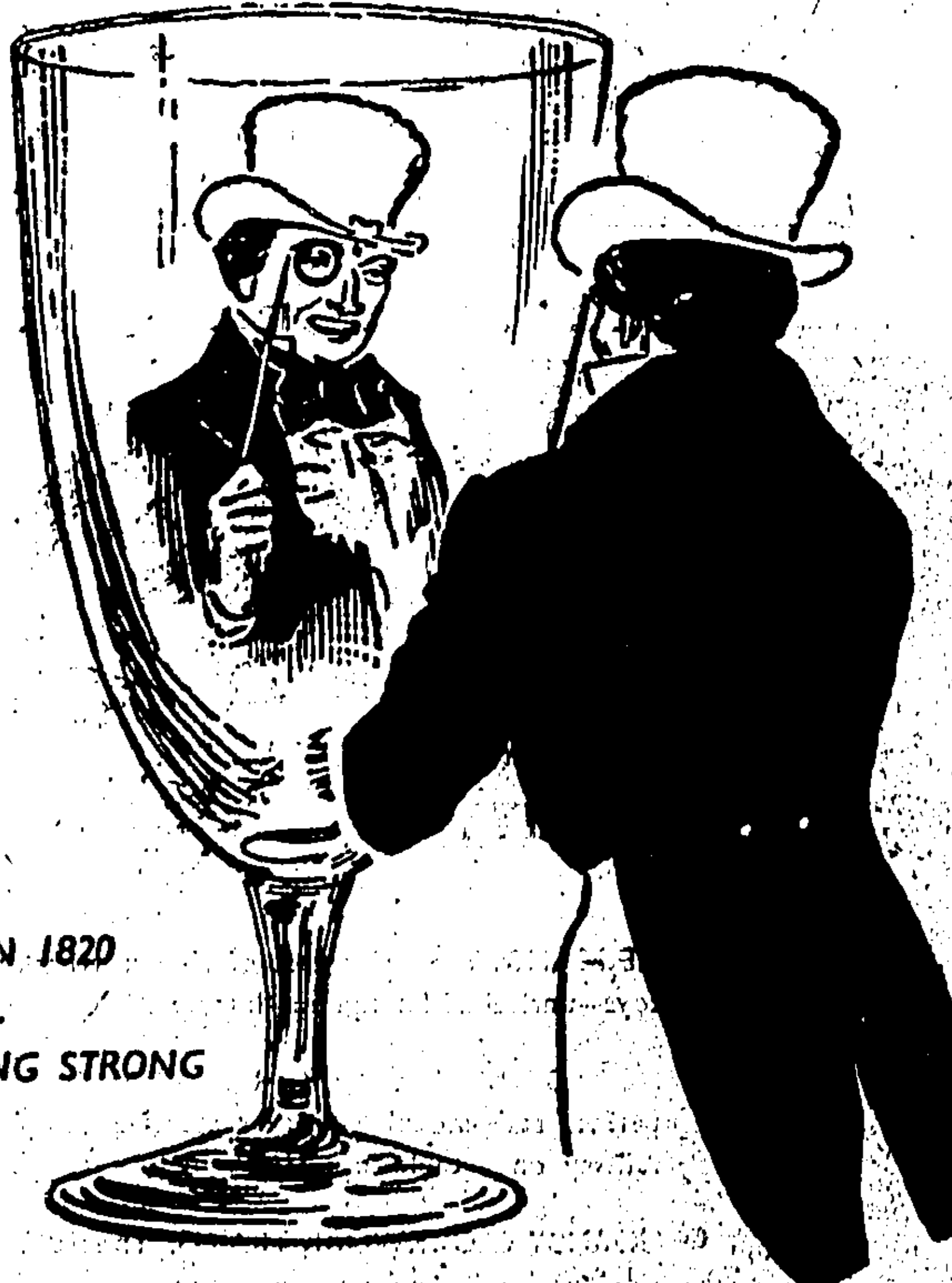
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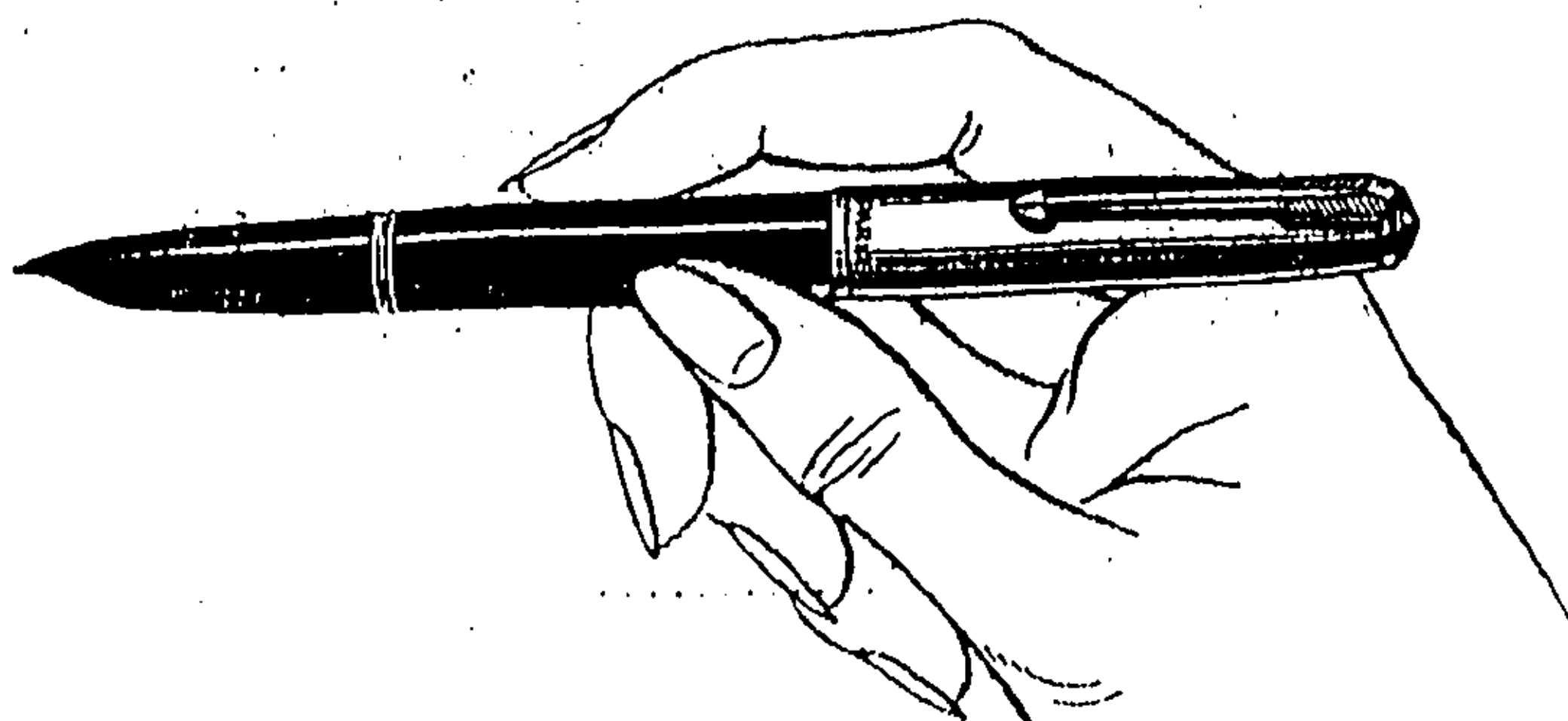


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GERTIE FALLS IN LOVE AGAIN

THE STORY SO FAR: Gertrude Lawrence, her name alone in New York and London alternately, escorted by the celebrities of the theatre and social world, went bankrupt. She owed £24,000. Once more Noel Coward came to the rescue. His new show, *Tonight at 8.30*, put her back on the right financial road. From then on it was triumph after triumph.

IN spite of huge New York success Gertrude Lawrence in 1938 and 1939 was still a frightened and lonely woman.

War scares and panics closed other shows, but Gertrude continued to play to record houses. Monotonously, she won the critics' award, the Comedica award, the award for the best play of the year for "Summertime" for "Skylark" for that astonishing musical, "Lady in the Dark." But behind all this glitter she knew perfectly well that she belonged to nobody in the world. Except, possibly, to Pamela, her daughter.

As the Munich Crisis burst Gertrude wired to Pamela in Switzerland to join her at once. As the Munich Crisis died down she wired to Pamela to join her just the same. "Come to Bermuda on holiday," "Go to Great Britain first," "Fly over." "Wait for the Queen Mary." Let Pamela please herself, but only let her come quickly, quickly. The bill for cables at this time — most of which contradicted one another — was £1,000.

Pam, I think, is about the one person in the world who took Gertrude seriously. The effort was bewildering. Officially "finished" by Brillmont in Switzerland, Pam was not 20 — extremely pretty, with all her mother's features and large brown eyes. Naturally she found a number of heart-throbs. And her lovable mamma, who had so often played ping-pong with other people's hearts, suddenly "came the heavy parent" on her. (She was rehearsing "Susan and God," a play about a mother with a problem daughter.)

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religious play. Gertrude therefore became dramatically religious. Her letter to Pam was not the only manifestation. She rushed into the pulpit of the Broadway Temple to preach. "Religion has come to the theatre," she cried. Commented the New Yorker slyly: "That's what we mean by divine service, fellers."

Then "Susan and God" closed. To keep her position in the theatre Gertrude had to do even better. John Golden found her a play called "Skylark." It dealt with the advertising world. Overnight Gertrude became interested in advertising. She spoke at agency luncheons, delivered herself of a slogan for tinned milk: "What we want we take from udders."

And eventually "Skylark" topped the success of "Susan and God" and Gertrude was acknowledged the Number One Draw on Broadway.

In London we heard of Gertrude's triumphs. In London we were jealous. New York, hysterical, unpredictable, had accepted her. Audiences jammed the theatre, her dressing-room was stuffed with roses. "Every night," said Gertrude, "I go down on my knees and thank heaven."

Then two things happened. England declared war on Germany. Gertrude played a summer season in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Instantly the rumour started. Gertrude was trying to avoid the war by remaining in America. What nonsense this was. Gertrude was fighting like a hooked salmon to break free of her theatrical contracts. Her heart was not in New York at all — it was in those shabby streets around Clapham.

She went to Cape Cod in a state of violent conflict. She wanted to go back to England as once. More than ever, she wanted someone: a rock upon whom she might lean. She found a man called Richard Aldrich. Four years younger than Gertrude, he was

descended from every high-ranking family in the American social register. He never played outdoor sports, never smoked a pipe, never hummed a tune under his breath. He was tall—6ft. 4in.—sandy-haired, relaxed. He had been intended to enter the family banking business, had upset his mother when he decided to go into the theatre.

When Gertrude met him he was the managing director of the Cape Cod Playhouse, determined not to be stampeded by any temperamental actresses. So he was rather rude to her.

They argued

ALDRICH had been married already. He was the kind of man who floated unused stamps off a v-e-l-o-p-e-s used pencils right down to the last quarter inch; he was the absolute opposite of Gertrude's generous, luxury-loving, extravagant nature. He was complementary to her. She determined to marry him.

For once she moved carefully. No newspaper columnist must know she thought she was in love again. Their courtship was long, punctuated with quarrels. They argued about Gertrude's dog Marmie. They argued about her extravagance, his lack of it. They argued finally about Gertrude's determination to drop all her contracts overboard and rush to England to join the WRNS.

"How I had to work to get him," Gertrude used to say. Once one of her friends told her not to worry. "It's his nature," they said. "He was born on Plymouth Rock." "Born there? He is Plymouth Rock," snapped Gertrude.

And she combined her courtship with a flirtatious display of business witchcraft. American playwright Moss Hart planned a play about psycho-analysis. It turned into a musical, the day he saw Gertrude perform at the Rialto Show. Gertrude was delighted. But her fortune-teller had said, "Do nothing until April 17."

April 17 was the day Noel Coward arrived in New York. He must read the play and approve. He did so. Other people must read the play. They did. They all loved it.

Marriage

CONTRACTS were drawn up, Gertrude lost them. Duplicate contracts were drawn up. Gertrude forgot to sign them. Finally, a near-demented Moss Hart gave her a diamond ruby. But in a New York police court he was accused of pinching a woman in the Monkey House at Central Park. And was fined 10 dollars.

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LOVE FROM MRS RICHARD STODDART. ALDRICH IS HERMATICALLY KNOWN AS GERTRUDE LAWRENCE — UNSIGNED.

I can't blame Moss Hart. He cabled to Richard Aldrich: ARE YOU SURE GERTIE SAID YES? (World Copyright Reserved)

NEXT WEEK: Our Last Triumph—Then Tragedy

Press Conference

Gertrude and Noel Coward at a Press conference in New York. Throughout her career, Gertrude sought Coward's advice on any show in which she was offered a part.



THE TENOR WHO SANG FOR 10d.

His name was Enrico Caruso. He was starting a career that was later to bring him £3,000 for a single performance.

By Thomas Wiseman

TO most people the name Caruso brings to mind a tinny voice on an old, scratched and treasured gramophone record, or that impersonation by Mr Mario Lanza in the film which made so much money.

The real Caruso, of course, was not born under a gramophone needle. He was the 18th child of a poor Neapolitan family. His mother gave birth to 21 children. Only Caruso, one brother and one sister survived.

It is the contradictions that make the man; it is the unexpected and unflattering details about Caruso's life, revealed in the latest biography by T. R. Ybarra (Cresset Press), which make the legend come to life.

At the peak of his career Caruso sang in a ballroom in Mexico and was paid £3,000 for one performance. But he began his professional life as a hired sardiner for 10d. a sardine.

The Tsar of Russia (Nicholas II) presented him with gold cuff-links. King Edward VII gave him a diamond ruby. But in a New York police court he was accused of pinching a woman in the Monkey House at Central Park. And was fined 10 dollars.

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Caruso's caricature of himself.

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Eventually he married the daughter of an old New York family. She has gone down on record as saying: "I did not like opera. It seemed to me noisy and unnatural."

She was no beauty. Because of her marriage to Caruso, she was disinherited by her father. Caruso, the character, gave birth to a fund of stories.

In New York he had an order at a certain restaurant to reserve every night a private dining room and enough Italian food for half a dozen guests. Sometimes he turned up. Sometimes he didn't. "But he paid the bill just the same."

Out shopping with a woman who was fond of perfume, he startled a salesgirl by saying: "Please, miss, that perfume over there—one gallon, please."

News boys would rush over to him brandishing their papers and shouting: "Buy your picture, Mr Caruso. Right here on this page."

Caruso would buy the paper for one dollar. He could afford it. In his golden years his annual income was around £100,000. When his big earnings began there was no American income tax.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



HONGKONG PRODUCTS ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED

By GEORGE LIU

FROM the ruins of a prosperous pre-war Hongkong—one of the busiest Far Eastern cities of entrepot trade—has grown a thriving industrial centre, which, in the space of a few short years is threatening with its quality exports other Commonwealth markets that had long enjoyed undisputed supremacy.

Looking with helpless amazement at the increasing intrusion of this upstart—whose products outsold theirs at prices they could not hope to compete with—Commonwealth manufacturers resorted to the nearest weapon available—propaganda.

"Hongkong goods" didn't you know, old boy, actually made in Japan! Hongkong hasn't even the proper machinery—how can you expect these gloves to be made there? "Even" in a "made in" sense. These were the calumnies that floated around the world.

Ten Cases

Soon, even responsible trade officials abroad were convinced to say nothing of the actual "cheapness" but at least to admit that Hongkong goods were really of inferior quality—and therefore not worth buying.

Admittedly, there have been cases where goods did not come up to specifications.

In fact, records show ten cases within the last five years where "malpractice" was proved. Ten cases in an industrial centre with 2,300 registered factories, employing over 100,000 workers, and which will send \$2 million worth of its goods to the United Kingdom alone this year.

As every Hongkong exporter knows, the intricate maze put up by the Government to safeguard each Hongkong product before it may be exported makes it practically impossible for any design copying or misrepresentation.



A Revenue Officer sealing a bale of cotton yarn before shipment.

Responsibility for this system, possibly the most detailed in the world, rests with the busy Certificate of Origin Office, a branch of the Trade Development Division of Hongkong's Commerce and Industry Department.

The officials here, each an expert at his job, take no chances. They start the sifting operation long before the manufacture of goods even begins.

Every factory intending to produce articles for export must first apply to be registered with this Office—and this application will not be processed unless the manufacturer fulfil every one of the stiff requirements. The factory premises are subjected to a close inspection by the Office to ensure that the place is suitable and the machinery to

make the goods is available—and the factory able to maintain a high standard in its output.

Should the factory be approved, it is given a Registration Number and is qualified to apply for certificates of origin of imperial preference, at the same time a file containing reports on its future activities is opened.

But this is only the beginning. When an application for one of the certificates is received the second step of the sifting comes into operation.

In the case of textiles and garment piece goods, each application is accompanied by a sample of the finished product and an actual sample of the label used.

After checking, and cross-checking each of the details on the application form, and examining the samples, the Officer in Charge decides whether the cargo is to be inspected, whether a fuller investigation should be instigated—and if a certificate should be granted or refused.

By legislation, the Director of the Department has absolute discretion in the granting of these certificates.

Should the Officer in Charge decide that there is something amiss about a cargo, several of the 10 Revenue Officers and one Inspector attached to the Office, are sent to the factory and they subject the goods to a close examination.

In instances where it is suspected that approved cargo might later be substituted for foreign goods after the inspection, each case containing the articles is sealed with the Government stamp, and escorted aboard the ship in question.

On the date of sailing, where it is thought necessary the seals are broken and the cargo again examined. The Revenue Officers then make their report to the Officer in Charge of the C. of O. office, who issues the certificate without which the cargo cannot be exported.

Overworked

The number of these overworked Revenue Officers, who average some 1200 inspections every month, will shortly be increased to 30.

Before any exporter is issued with the Hongkong Government certificate the Officer in Charge must satisfy himself that the product contains 25 per cent of ex-factory cost incurred in Hongkong. In the case of an Imperial Preference certificate—which allows for a reduced tariff in Commonwealth countries—the percentage is the same, or higher,

depending on individual countries. Some of the products, if they appear to be suspiciously out of character with the factory's capabilities are sent for chemical and physical tests by the Government Chemist, who determines the different types of yarn that constitute the cloth.

Every article marked "Nylon" undergoes these tests.

The task of the Government Chemist is not an easy one—he performs between 50 to 60 of the tests every month—more than any other government department in the world!

But this is not enough. Recently the Certificate of Origin Office has been forced into taking extra precautions. Every spinning, dyeing and weaving factory registered with them must now submit complete periodical reports of intake, production, sales and stock.

No Foundation

These records serve to assist the office in further estimating the productive capacity of the industry as a whole—and to check any apparent malpractice.

This hard-working section of the Commerce and Industry Department have little thanks or recognition for the magnificent job they do—except, perhaps, in the fact that more and more countries prefer their certificates—with the result that exports of local products are improving each month.

To illustrate—the number of applications for Government certificates of origin and imperial preference certificates have jumped from a mere 4,500 per month to almost 12,000, within the last 18 months.

Perhaps if some of the critics—who so easily condemn Hongkong's varied industries—could be persuaded to visit the Colony, and see for themselves at the annual C.M.U. Exhibition of Hongkong Products, proof that Hongkong products are actually made in Hongkong—the world would realise that the prejudiced allegations made by competitors abroad are without foundation.

HE IS BRITAIN'S CHAMPION NO-MAN

—a rosy-cheeked Bishop with a playboy charm who is so often in the thick of it when it comes to a battle of words.

By MARY HEWAT

MONSIGNOR JOHN CARMEL HEENAN, 49-year-old Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, has earned himself the title of Britain's leading NO-man.

He has roused the wrath of France by saying there was NO fight left in them, that NO civilised nation should have to ban the sale of alcohol between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Before that he said Tito should have NO invitation to Britain; troops in Korea should pay NO income-tax; there is practically NO religious authority in Britain outside the Roman Catholic Church; Catholic nurses have NO duty to deceive a dying patient.

He said the BBC had NO right to "wrap the nation in organised gloom" for a week after the King died. And early this year, when he referred to religious intolerance in Northern Ireland in a broadcast, for which the BBC apologised, he said NO apology should have been made.

Belligerent

He has said NO so often, he could qualify as a Russian delegate to UNO if it were not for his biggest NO. NO appeasement for the Communists.

That big NO lay behind his attack on France. There is bitterness among the Catholics over the Indo-China settlement, which left a group of strong Catholics in the hands of the Vietnamese Communists.

Says the belligerent Bishop: "We are always giving way, always appeasing, creating yet another Munich. Is that the way to get peace? The only way to deal with a bully is to square up to him, no matter how frightened you feel."

But Bishop Heenan does not consider himself belligerent. "I am tired of being regarded as a kind of Torquemada (the founder of the Spanish Inquisition)," he said.

Why then does he throw so many brickbats?

"The things I say are said to protect people who don't know," he said, "to protect my flock,

They are not said to knock people down but to lift people up."

He certainly does not look like Torquemada. A rosy-cheeked man, with rimless spectacles, he has all the blarney charm of a never-do-well playboy who is always forgiven.

He tells you, with a broad smile, that his battles have never been more than verbal ones because "I am much too charming for that." And you have to believe him.

He receives his visitors in an airy office, with a massive desk covered with books and papers.

He talks between puffs on a bent-stemmed pipe, with a secret amusement, as if he shared a private joke with the world at large.

He keeps a special box of cigarettes for visitors, says of Britain's licensing laws: "I wouldn't care if they abolished them altogether, if people were disciplined as they are in Spain and Italy."

This year, his third as Bishop, he moved from the specious Bishop's residence to the smoke-grimed gardenless house behind the Cathedral. There, contrary to custom for a Bishop, he took up the duties of parish priest, still finds time on Fridays to hold open house, when any man, woman or child of any creed can come and talk to him.

John Carmel Heenan was born in Essex, the son, it has often been said, of a working man. In fact his father was a civil servant. ("He was a working man," says the Bishop. "He earned a wage. I'm a working man too.")

He was trained for seven years as a Jesuit, learned to preach at Hyde Park Corner, was ordained at the age of 25, made a parish priest at 35, and a bishop at 40, one of the youngest in the country.

During his Church life he has lectured in America, conducted a motor chapel in Britain, written a series of books, and sang the first High Mass ever televised here.

In 1939 he decided to go to Russia, "because I was tired of hearing it was a worker's paradise." He got a visa as a psychiatrist, stayed a month, and was arrested for taking photographs.

The Russian Secret Police thought he was trying to make propaganda out of the poverty of the peasants—which he was. But the "psychiatrist," pretending anger, took the film out of his camera and threw it at them, thus exposing the film and ruining the evidence. He was released.

He has attacked State treatment of soldiers' families ("nauseating"), local council financing of birth control work ("immoral"); lack of religious teaching in schools ("growing paganism"); and the Left Wing of the Socialist Party ("some of them are Communists in all but name").

Yet in one of his own books, "The People's Priest," Bishop Heenan wrote: "Except in those problems of the relations between Church and State which from time to time call for treatment in our sermons, we should refrain from talking politics in the pulpit."

Has Enemies

What does he really think of the Church in politics? "I'm all against it," he says. But he chuckles when he says it.

"Politicians," he says, are not trained. Men in my position are likely to be much better informed. It is our duty to give guidance. What am I supposed to do? Tell them what kind of incense to burn in the church? That would be a fine job."

The Battering Bishop's sense of duty has made him enemies. But a study of his critics' retorts reveals one thing. They seldom say his facts or his opinions are wrong. They simply object to having him state them.

I asked him if his second name of Carmel was significant. For it was on Mount Carmel that the Prophet Elijah declared to the pagan hordes: "I, even I only, remain a Prophet of the Lord."

Bishop Heenan did not say Yes. But this time he did not say No.



THE BISHOP

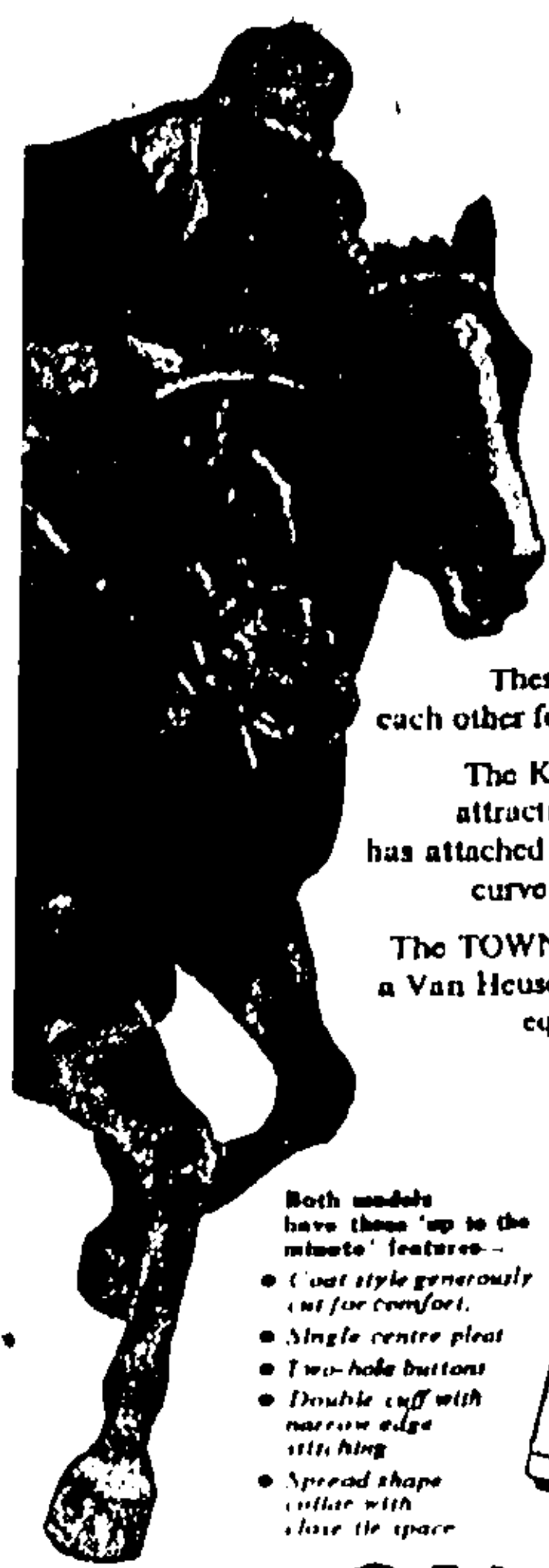
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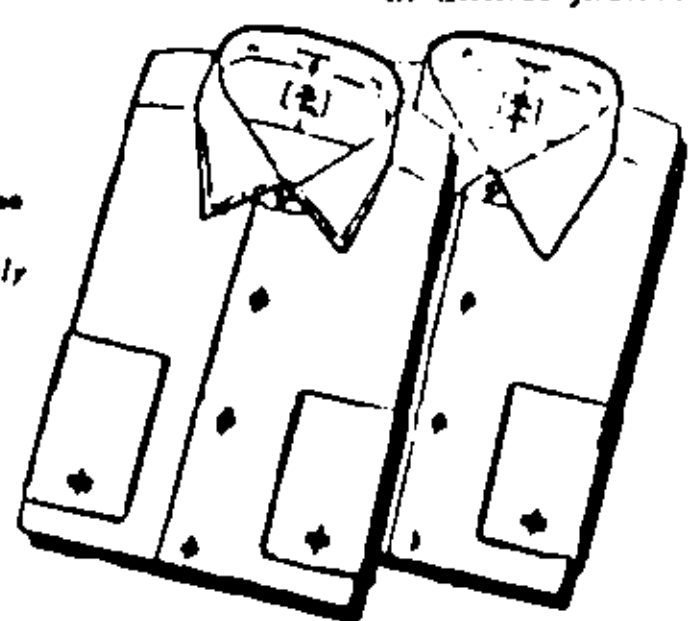
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SECRETS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIME

The FULL, authentic inside story of INTERPOL, the organisation which fights international crime all over the world, which has been the means of bringing thousands of criminals to justice. Written with the full co-operation of the staff of INTERPOL.

By A. J. FORREST

"STEP this way, please." The voice, curt and authoritative.

hit this particular young man like a fusillade of gunfire as he was settling into his cabin aboard a liner bound for Britain. He looked up, fear in his eyes, to find himself confronted by two plain-clothes officers of the Melbourne Police, men accustomed to dealing with tough racketeers.

He was properly caught. He knew it. Just when it seemed he was all set for a pleasant voyage with rich profits at the end of it.

"So That's How!"

They led him into a private cabin. There, with his hands thrust high, they frisked him, untying almost at once his heavy body belt. For, fastened round his middle, his ingenious smuggler carried a goldmine in his hands.

"So that's how it works," grunted one policeman as he fingered his prisoner's belt, cut of which, from twelve new-ly torn pockets, he emptied ten ingots of gold and some odd pieces. When weighed, it totalled 391 oz. 9 dw., its legitimate or controlled value on the Australian market being £48,000. But, as black market

merchandise, its usable value was many times higher. The gold, when assayed, proved to be heavily refined. In fact, it was the purest of pure gold. The dealer in "black" gold, clever, unscrupulous men, had taken this precaution to prevent, in the case of discovery, any possible identification of his criminal source.

Altogether, the international smuggler, this arrested, known to Sydney B., a native of Sydney, admitted that he had travelled overseas on six occasions, four times to Colombo and twice to London. According to police belief, he collected £20,000 for 400 ounces of "black" gold, safely unbelieved in Colombo, and £40,000 for 400 ounces smuggled into Europe.

The last for gold is one of man's most insatiable cravings. Thousands have been murdered for it, temples pillaged, idols broken and vast communities, like Hitler's persecuted Jews, stripped of their possessions and driven to the very gold fillings in their teeth.

In a number of countries where currencies are unstable, hard-working and honest citizens, as well as many shiftless ones, much prefer to pick away privately their wealth in gold than to keep it in banknotes, invest it abroad, or entrust it in any form to their banks or any official associations. Even in France, vast quantities of gold, amounting to millions of pounds in value, are said to be salted away underground in the gardens of peasants' plots, behind the walls,

or beneath wooden floors or paying stones in the houses of town dwellers.

So, today, the black marketeer in gold has unprecedented opportunities. And, as Interpol well knows, the smuggling evil is causing enormous losses to governments all over the world. India, particularly, is a rich dumping ground for traffickers. According to reliable estimates, French settlements in India imported 25 times more gold than they needed in 1951 and 1953, and Portuguese settlements eight times as much. During the last three years, illicit gold seized by the Indian police and customs authorities amounted to 11,000 kilograms.

But, huge as this haul is, it is dwarfed by the ten tons of "black" gold racketeers are now smuggling into India yearly at enormous profits to themselves. In China, Korea, Thailand, Burma to mention four countries only—those fortunate enough to have money seem desperate to convert it into gold, almost regardless of price. The rice growers in Thailand, for instance, no sooner collect and sell their harvest than they hasten off to secret rendezvous and there barter their notes with Chinese gold kings for as good a bargain as they can strike.

Value Not Lost

Gold, they consider, will never lose its value; and the gold trafficker is well content to gain massive quantities of local currency, permitting him, if it is an opium-raising country, to float new and bigger rackets, with world-wide ramifications, and at even more lucrative gain to himself and his confederates.

Several gangs in China, according to good evidence, were the highlight of his infamous trade, financed with Chinese gold, to use the women he employed not merely to obtain customers, but to turn them into drug addicts. These girls, North Koreans, often of good family, received bonuses whenever they added a regular drug addict to the firm's clientele. And this monster's den, when searched, disclosed a



Searched by suspicious customs officers at London Airport, the attractive young girl was found to have a smuggler's leather pouch concealed under her two sweaters.

Here's one example of the way they work. A large-scale distributor of heroin in wholesale lots, arrested recently in Seoul, was a North Korean who ran a flourishing tracing store and house of ill-fame. He spoke perfect Chinese. And it was the highlight of his infamous trade, financed with Chinese gold, to use the women he employed not merely to obtain customers, but to turn them into drug addicts.

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long roll of customers who took a shot of heroin every other day, at a rate of ten U.S. dollars, approximately £3 11s., per half-gramme dose.

Others, unable to afford such rates, were allowed special treatment. So thieves, pick-pockets and other tenants of the "Ditch" at Pusan were supplied at rates ranging from one to two dollars per diluted shot of 0.3 to 0.1 grammes of heroin.

Britain suffers, too, from traffickers in illegal gold. Criminal receivers in London and provincial cities pay up to £10 an ounce for stolen gold today. Such rewards encourage robberies. But if the receiver transfers his gold to the Continent's black markets it can earn him bumper profits, fetching up to £50 an ounce, if disposed of in the right quarters.

Girls As Decoys

Attractive girls are frequently used by the gangs as carriers, go-betweens and decoys. Early this year a twenty-four-year-old London girl was intercepted at London Airport. When customs women searched her they found that strapped to her back, beneath two heavy sweaters, she was carrying a leather pouch stuffed with gold coin valued at £130 and platinum valued at £1,522.

Her commitment was to fly to Paris and unload her precious store there. She would, as prearranged, visit a certain cafe and wait for a man to sit down beside her. Then, directly he gave her the code sign, she would hand him over her smuggler's pouch, and he would drop £20 for services rendered into her handbag.

"The trouble," an Interpol official tells me, "is that whereas small agents in this racket are often caught, the big men, organisers of international gold-smuggling rings, sit back, virtually in safety, manipulating their rackets on a global basis and altering their tactics with great cleverness whenever danger seems to light on their tracks."

Knives May Flash

Every kind of ingenuity is practised to transport the gold. Six kilograms of gold and 800 grammes of platinum, smuggled out of Australia last year, were found concealed in a consignment of dried calf skins. The casks, packed with these skins, were routed for Italy, and it was the vigilance of the Italian customs which resulted in their seizure.

However, even smugglers in gold, as in other commodities, can fall out. And if one black marketing gang undercuts a rival organisation, or crosses its paths, then knives may flash and heads be split.

One trafficker, feeling that he was sitting pretty with 175 ounces in gold destined for the Thailand market, from which his gang hoped to extract profits of £30 an ounce, never guessed as he crossed a street that members of a rival gang had an interest in his welfare.

One of them, a girl of striking beauty, smiled at him and on the pretext of leading him to a club where entertainment and good fare were provided, persuaded him to follow her up a dark stairway. He was surprised to be admitted into a room where, to his astonishment he saw what appeared to be an old woman squatting in a corner, stirring the evening meal.

"I verily pleased you follow me, Mr Gold Man," said the girl, her friendliness suddenly freezing. He started to leave—but too late. The corner figure crouched over the crackling pot was no helpless old woman but a determined, muscular ruffian who, having plucked an iron rod from his boiling water, brought it down on the gold trafficker's head, knocking him out cold.

Immediately, the man and girl tore off his clothes and ripped open the gold-filled secret pockets. After some hours, this unfortunate man came to in a dark and deserted alleyway. Afraid to report back to his gang, he tottered off to the police and turned informer against both his own organisation and that of the rival gang which had trapped him.

"Black" Gold

Governments of gold-producing countries are frankly worried about the scale of their gold leakages today. South African gold-mine corporations share the Union's concern over such losses which appear to be increasing. And, quite apart from great losses suffered thus by official or governmental treasuries, the gold so spirited away is a fearful stimulant to international crime.

For, on the black markets of any country, gold can be changed into any desired currency or commodity—diamonds, forged passports, whisky, fast launches, private aircraft, printing presses, narcotics, guns and ammunition.

Not surprisingly, conspirators in crime, with the world as their stamping ground, treat the racketeer in "black" gold as the vital linchpin that keeps the wheels of their evil enterprises turning.

If international police co-operation could only scrub out his nefarious activities, scores of big-crimo bosses would find their rackets falling to pieces.

Next Week: Stolen Coat Trick Unmasked Swindler in Millions

ONE MAN FINDS HIS SECRET OF HAPPINESS

By JAMES LEASOR

THE voice that answered the phone spoke the most cheerful "Good morning" I have ever heard.

"What have you got to be so cheerful about?" I asked.

"Everything," he said—and as by accident through just a minute phone call, found my Man of the Week.

But when I went to meet him the reason for his cheerfulness seemed very far to seek.

For 40-year-old John Rowledge, telephonist to the Port of Bristol Authority, has no hands and only one leg. And he has been blind as well.

This month, 10 years ago and half a world away, 20000000 Corporal Rowledge was in Greece with an R.E. section, seeking enemy mines.

WENT TO HELP

A Greek householder begged him to cut a way through a minefield near his house. Rowledge went to help.

A booby-trap exploded under him, throwing him, minus both hands and a leg, on to a barbed-wire fence.

As he lay, conscious but helpless, the Greek he had tried to help bent over him. He pulled out a knife and cooly cut the lanyard that held Rowledge's watch and made off with it.

Rowledge remembers it without rancour. "I hope it kept good time for him," he says.

He was shipped to a stretcher and taken to hospital 80 miles away. Half-way into the hills he asked for a drink of water.

"Don't stop us, mate," the driver asked him. "We want to get back before dark."

"But it's dark now," persisted Rowledge.

"Don't be silly, it's only two o'clock."

John Rowledge knew then that he was blind.

Of the year of operations that followed to regain his sight, the pain, the loneliness, the wonder of being alive at all, little be said now. In November 1945 Rowledge was discharged with impaired eyesight, a husk of a man whose health had been his pride.

But still within his wounded body the spirit burned free and whole. He set out to do all he had done before.

"When I first came home, I felt bashful," he admits. "I'd wait until everyone was out of the room before I'd try picking something up with the hooks they'd give me for hands."

"Then I'd keep on trying until I'd got the hang of it."

He made himself a special gadget to fit a spade so that he could dig in the garden as he had done before the war.

The first week-end he went out to try this. Neighbours, meaning well, gathered round to watch. He pretended he had done it all before, and forced himself to dig under the curious gaze.

Now he can do all he set out to do. "It's just that it may take a little more thinking about."

Rowledge married a girl he met at hospital in Southampton. They have a little daughter of three.

"Sometimes," says Rowledge, "she'll go out, pleading groundsel

for her 'budgie' and then she'll look at her hands, surprised, and say: 'Daddy can't do this...'

But when someone suggests that Rowledge can't do something, he at once sets out to prove them wrong.

"They told me I couldn't pick blackberries," he grins. "All right—I can't. But I can push backwards into the bushes and pull down the branches for others."

Rowledge is always cheery; never, never, never grumpy or depressed, or outwardly worried. How can he be so cheerful?

LUCKY ALIVE

He sits back in his chair in his seventh-floor exchange-room where he deals with 500 calls a day (in seven years he has only had eight days' absence, through influenza, through a cigarette (lighter held firmly against the table top, his other "hand" flicking it open) and through the question over.

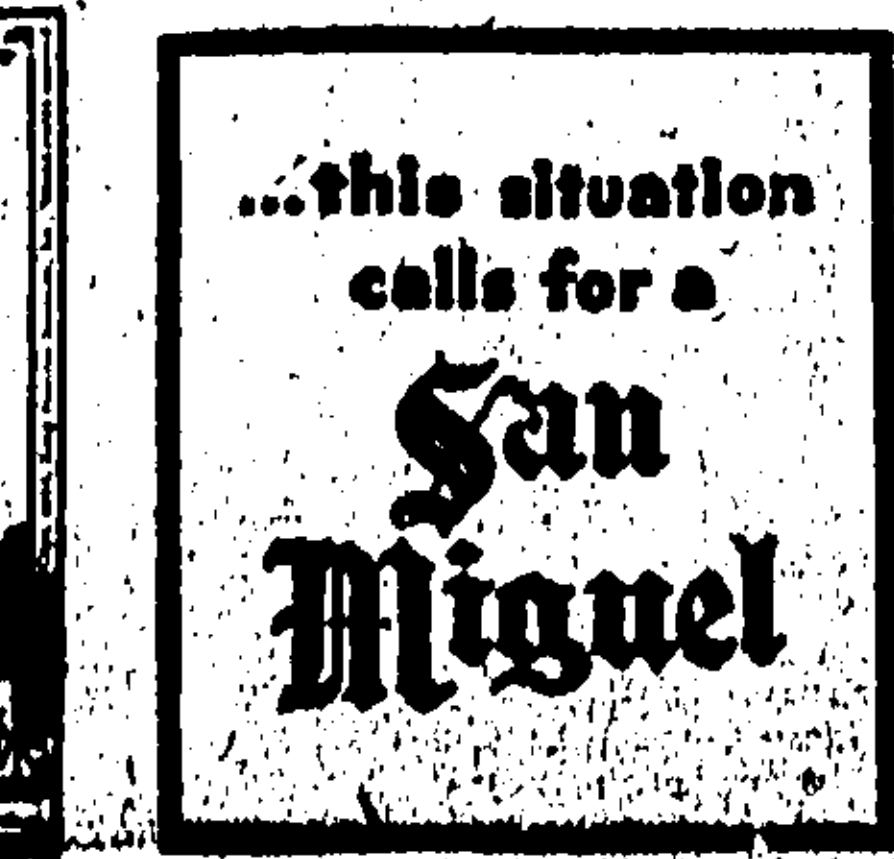
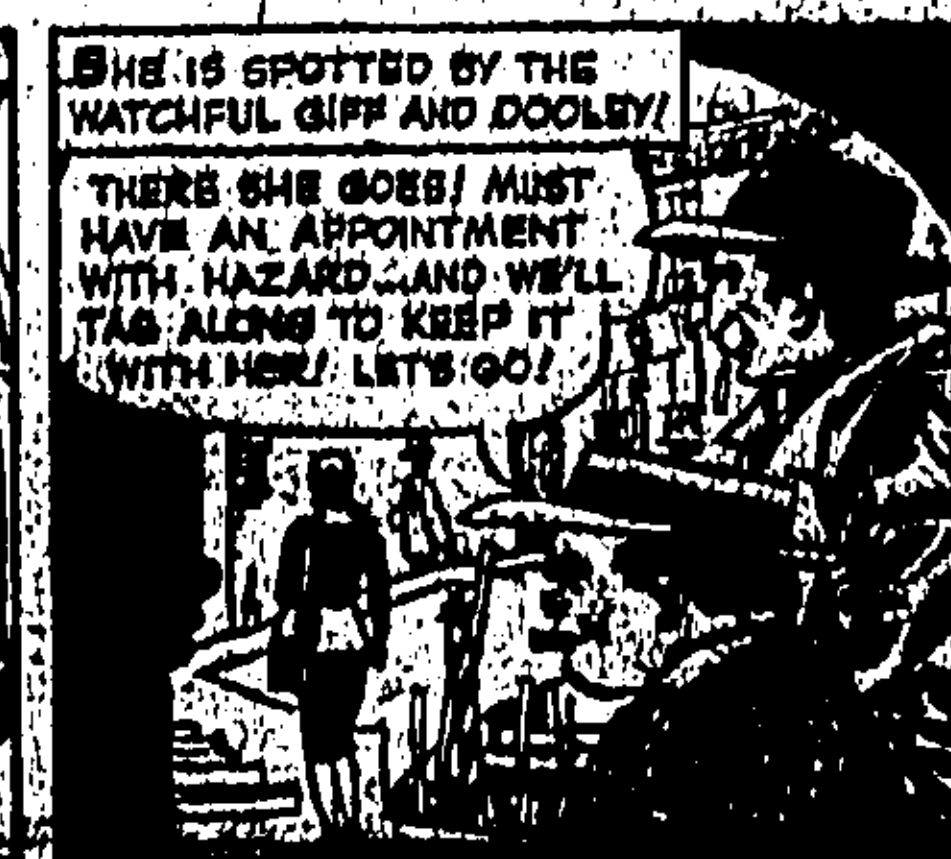
"First, I'm lucky to be alive at all. That's worth being cheerful about, surely?"

"Next, I don't regard myself now as being different. I've made up my mind never to be beaten...". He can lay the table, wash the dishes; has even made a fondler for his fireplace, toys for his child.

In conquering his disabilities, and in making his mind his master, John Rowledge has, by chance and accident, also discovered a secret sought by so many, and found by so few; the secret of happiness and a cheerful mind.

And that is why, for me, he is the Man of the Week.

JOHNNY HAZARD

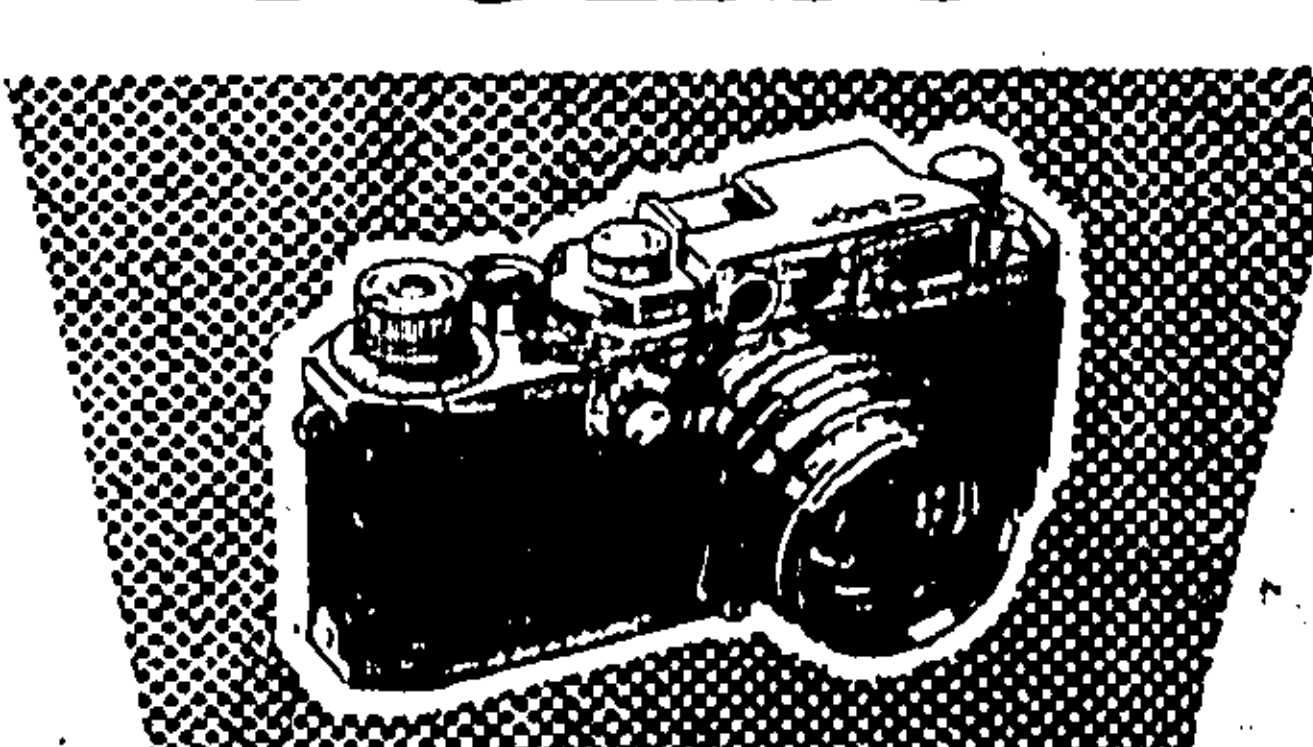


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AT the annual Christmas Fair of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers, held at the Headquarters of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Top left: Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin shares in the fun of the Slippery Dip. Top right: Students of Ying Wah Girls' School in a Chinese dance. Lower left: Young John David Todd enjoys a pony ride. Lower right: Father Christmas has a present for Kathleen Keen. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP photo taken before the Hongkong Cricket Club match last Sunday with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. HKCC won by 89 runs. (Ming Yuen)



RIGHT: At the cocktail party given by United Artists for Miss Ava Gardner at the Peninsula Hotel. The beautiful Ava is seen with actor Clark Gable and director Edward Dmytryk. (Mainland)



ANOTHER reminder of the approaching Christmas season—the arrival of St. Nicholas last Sunday, when the Colony's Dutch children welcomed him at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Group outside St. John's Cathedral after the wedding last Saturday of Mr. John Douglas Mackie and Miss Jean Finnie. (Staff Photographer)



MR. Harry Odell, the impresario (left), with Julius Katchen, the noted pianist, at Kai Tak Airport. Katchen was on his way to Japan. He will come here to give two concerts in January. (Staff Photographer)



MRS. G. A. Goodban distributing certificates at the annual speech day of the Diocesan Girls' School. On the right is Miss Jennie Woo. (Staff Photographer)

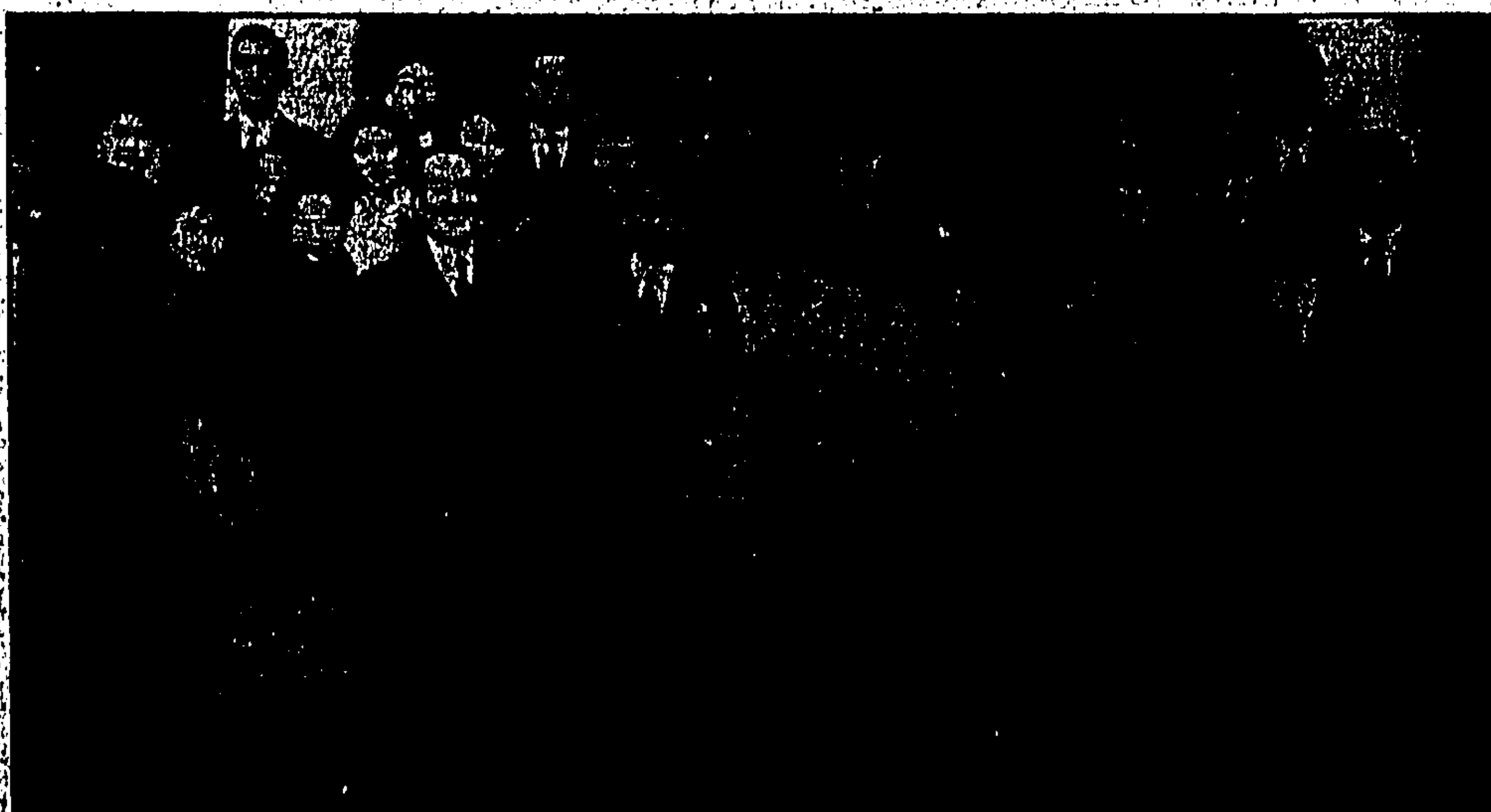
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HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the annual inspection of the St John Ambulance Brigade. His Excellency, who is President of the Hongkong St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, is seen, in picture on left, presenting the Ralph Shield, won by the Mainland Area No. 1 Team, to Area Superintendent R. A. Edwards. (Staff Photographer)



MRS R. B. Black, Director of the Hongkong Branch of the British Red Cross Society, at the Chinese Women's Club, where she saw the work of making up hospital dressings. She was accompanied on her visit by Dr the Hon. K. C. Yip, Director of Medical and Health Services. (Staff Photographer)



MR G. S. Kwok, Mr Wong Ching-yau, Mr C. Y. Kwan and Mr Cheung U-pui at the annual cocktail party of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association. Mr Cheung is President of the Association. (Staff Photographer)



ALL in a good cause. Scene at the Race Day of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. (Staff Photographer)



AT the reception following the wedding of Mr Stanley Lyman Sommerfield and Miss Fay Marcelle Cario at the Ohel Leah Synagogue on Wednesday. Mr J. B. Kite, who was best man, is reading telegrams of good wishes from abroad. (Staff Photographer)



WILLIAM ARTHUR SMITH, young American artist, giving a talk to Hongkong Art Club members at the studio of Leo Byng. (Staff Photographer)



THE Choir of the Chinese YMCA College giving a song at the second anniversary celebration last week. Mr K. H. Laung is the conductor. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Mr N. V. A. Croucher, Mrs R. R. Todd and Mr Chan Nam-cheong snapped at the Juvenile Care Centre charity ball held at the Ritz last week. (Staff Photographer)

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PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

Smoking And Cancer
Of The Lung

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

ONE smoking a pipe, the other a cigar, two doctors stole the show at the American Medical Association Convention last June in San Francisco, with a statistical report of over 180 thousand persons studied in relation to tobacco and its effect on mortality and morbidity. Since then there have been reams of comment, ranging all the way from stern warnings against the further use of cigarettes to the tale of the man who had read so much about the dangers of tobacco, and didn't want to quit smoking—so he quit reading.

Men Versus Women

Association of tobacco with shortened life is nothing new in the statistical world. Raymond Pearl did it in 1930. He simply correlated smoking vs. non-smoking with length of life, and found that smokers did not average as long lives as non-smokers. For many years the topic remained in a sort of medical borderland attracting little attention except among those who marshalled medical facts to bolster religious or ethical bans against smoking. There not infrequently sacrificed science to enthusiasm. On the other hand there were articles and even poems written in defence of tobacco. There can be little doubt that for many persons the use of tobacco is a relaxing and pleasant habit which many find it difficult to break.

Given New Attention

Modern attention has been focused on tobacco, and specifically on cigarettes, because of the steady increase in lung cancer. Before going further, it should be said that there are many factors which have been held responsible for lung cancer—chemicals, radiation, fumes or dusts, in addition to cigarette smoking. Dr. Morton L. Levin lists industries and occupations with high lung cancer mortality: chromate production, illuminating gas, uranium mining, nickel refining, asbestos manufacturing, metal grinding, welding, dusty occupations and those attended with metal fumes; and others about which the evidence is not convincing, plus still others of which we may not yet even have a suspicion. Add to this the presence of irritating fumes, soot and tars in the air we breathe, and it is plain that the cigarette may be but one factor in many.

And yet evidence points strongly to the cigarette. Not merely because lung cancer has increased in parallel with the sale of cigarettes. So have many other factors which can be expressed in figures, and which have nothing to do with cancer—population growth, automobile

production, aeroplane miles flown and hundreds of other parallels could be drawn, and they would mean just exactly nothing. But it does mean something when so large and diversified a group of persons as 180 thousand is studied intensively, and those who have been heavy cigarette smokers for a long time have a large increase in mortality over those who have not.

It means something when this increase is noted, as it has been, mainly among men—women, though conspicuously increased smokers have not yet been heavy smokers long enough to get the same effects as men. And yet—while cancer death rates in men have increased 12-fold in 24 years, rates among women are climbing too. Cameron estimates that at the present rate, cancer of the lung will outnumber combined deaths from all other types of cancer by 1970. By that time, many of the men now in their forties will be in the age brackets where the statisticians have discovered the greatest differential in death rates between smokers and non-smokers—from 80 to 70 years.

Many persons have switched from cigarettes to cigars and pipes; the statistics are less menacing in relation to them, perhaps because they are less often inhaled. Others have not changed their habits, being willing to accept the hazard as one among many which may threaten life. The best thing that has come out of the entire episode is a new awareness of the possible implication of cigarettes in lung cancer at least to a degree, and the impetus to research to find out first if there is a carcinoma agent in cigarettes; if so, what it is; and how to get rid of it without taking the joy out of smoking.

CARROTS COME TO DINNER
IN A TASTY RING OR PIE

HOW about making a tasty carrot to utilize leftover chicken?

Shred fresh carrots into strips about the size of shredded coconut, to make 4 c. Add the 4 c. shredded fresh carrots to 2 tsp. chopped chives or parsley, tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. black pepper, 2 tbsp. flour, 2 slightly beaten eggs; mix well.

Pack firmly into a well-buttered 8-in. (5 c.) mould. Set in a pan of hot water. Bake at 350° F. for 50 min., or until done.

To unmould, let stand 10 min. Then run a spatula between the mould and the carrot ring, all

the way around, pulling the ring away from the mould to loosen it completely. Place a serving dish right side down on top of the mould, and turn dish and mould over, leaving the carrot ring on the dish.

Fill centre with 3 c. creamed chicken and fresh peas, or creamed seafood and peas. Garnish with a few cooked, green peas. Enough for 8 servings.

While we're discussing carrots, perhaps you might consider trying a Fresh Carrot Pie.

For 6 servings, combine ¼ c. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. ground mustard, tsp. ground cinnamon, tsp. ground ginger, ¼ tsp. ground cloves, ¼ tsp. grated lemon rind.

Add, mixing well, 2 eggs, 2 c. cooked, sliced, fresh carrots and 1 c. undiluted evaporated milk. Pour mixture into a pastry-lined 9-in. pie plate. Bake at 400° F. for 40 to 45 min. or until knife inserted in filling comes out clean. If desired, add tsp. each grated lemon and orange rind to pastry.

Don't omit fresh salads just because it's not summer.

For a good fresh cabbage salad, toss together 2½ c. shredded cabbage ¼ c. chopped fresh parsley, ¼ c. chopped onion, 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice, 2 tsp. mayonnaise, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. black pepper.

Serve on lettuce or water cress, garnished with paprika and fresh parsley sprigs.

—ALICE DENHOFF

★ ALL ON ONE FLOOR ★



THIS HOUSE HAS an attractive exterior emphasized by the living room picture window treatment. It's topped by spanking white vertical siding under a gable that projects from the front of the home.

By Joan O'Sullivan

IF you're looking for a home that offers comfort, convenience and space, all on one floor, the design featured today may be just what you have in mind.

Enter the dwelling shown above and you can step into either living or dining room, since the entry is centred between them. Just opposite the front door is a roomy guest closet.

Right of the entry, the living room, a cozy area, has a big fireplace and, next to it, built-in shelves for books. It's the kind of room which, properly decorated, always has a welcoming look.

The separate dining room is left of the entry. It's a

nice feature for families who have many dinner guests and much entertaining.

Form the homemaker's point of view, the kitchen is one of the most pleasing parts of the plan. A U-shaped arrangement of appliances makes cooking chores easy. As for family meals, there's room in the kitchen for a breakfast table.

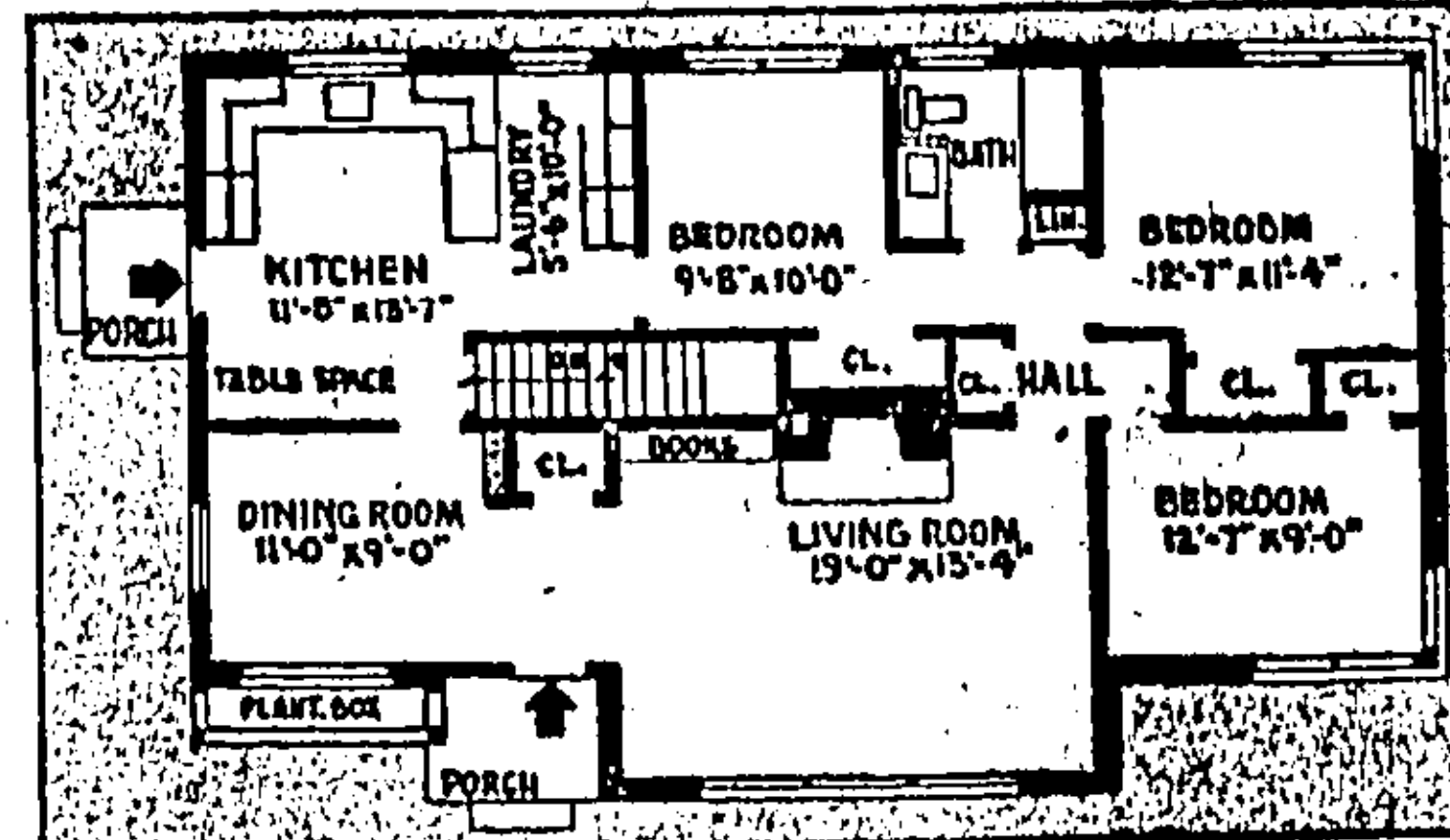
The kitchen also has a laundry area, a side service entry and it affords access to the basement stairway.

Two side bedrooms are equipped with corner windows and good wardrobe space, while the third bedroom has a walk-in closet.

The bath, with vanity and linen closet, is located near sleeping quarters.

A breezeway and garage could easily be attached to this home, since there already is a side kitchen porch.

The house comprises 25,235 cubic feet.



A STOVE SEPARATES the laundry from the kitchen proper, which is a sunny, bright room planned with space for a breakfast table.

Tips On Caring For Fine Furs
Don't Stroke The Fur
—But Shake It!

By Eleanor Ross

FURS are finer than ever, made so not only by glamorous styling but by new processing techniques. Furs that used to be oldish in appearance, and heavy to wear, are now gay and youthful, featherlight in weight.

There's an interesting campaign on to make women, especially young women, fur-minded, rather than mink-minded, and the new fur crop ought to do the trick.

What girl wouldn't delight in a fur coat when it is light, glossy, beautiful and colourful, too. But whether the fur be mink or lamb, it does need the utmost in care.

So, at the start of what promises to be a big fur season, let's go over some of the care a fur needs and should receive from every wearer, whether she has one fur coat or three.

Many women have a habit of stroking fur to make it smooth and glossy. This the fur people constantly remind us, should not be done.

Instead, no matter how delicate the fur, it should be vigorously shaken. And for this purpose, held by the hem of the garment.

STORE CAREFULLY

Have proper storage facilities for your furs between wearings. Don't just put the coat, jacket, stole or small skins on any old hanger and crowd them into the closet. Have properly shaped hangers and as much room as possible. Pieces not frequently worn should be covered over or placed in a garment bag.

Give your furs the best possible closet space. Never store them in a closet in which there are exposed, or even hidden, hot water or heat risers, as is so often the case with closets in old structures.

A friend of ours had such a problem in her old apartment, and so she devised a temporary closet.

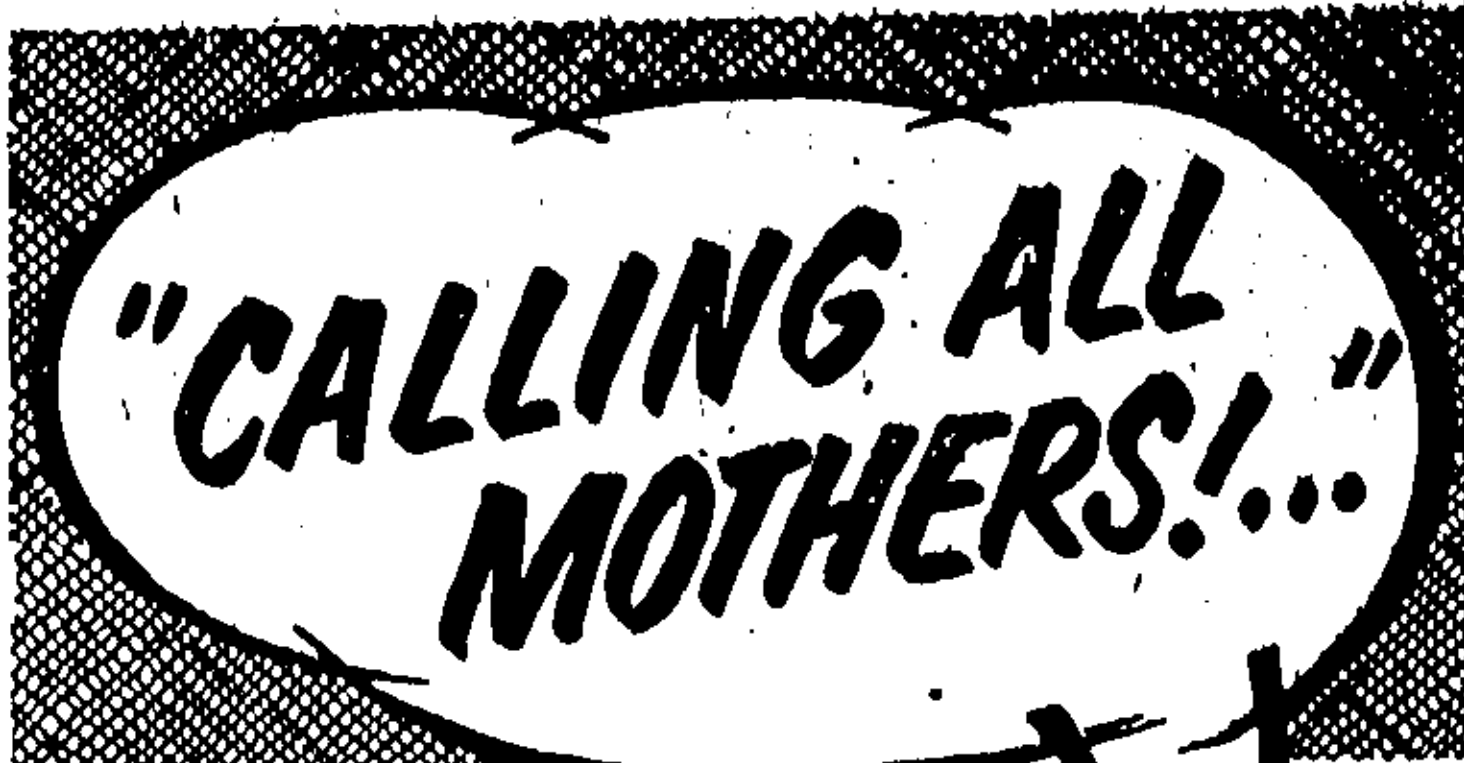
If this is your problem, put some hooks up to hold the garment bag containing the fur, then cover the bags with a curtain, a pretty curtain on a rod held by brackets painted to harmonize with the walls.

AVOID FRICTION...

Be careful about a fur coat when driving. Avoid sliding into the car from the side opposite from where you intend to sit as the friction between fur and upholstery is damaging to the fur, and often the entire back and seat of the fur garment will suffer.

When seated in a car or anywhere else, open your fur coat and pull it up slightly to avoid any strain on the back of the coat. Don't remain seated with a fur coat on for any length of time. When removing the coat, it should not be thrown carelessly over a chair because the coat may be crushed or the fur matted. Both will result in need for early repair work.

If a coat has been exposed to a heavy downpour, so that the leather, holding the fur, has become soaked, it should be given to a fur expert for restoration. It is essential to have a fur coat properly dried and treated after such exposure. If it should be dried in a well-ventilated room, hanging it over a wooden clothesline or similar structure is not recommended.



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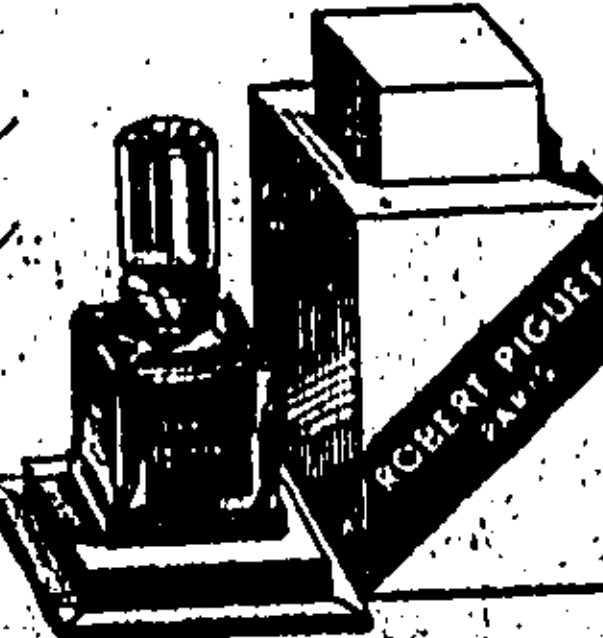
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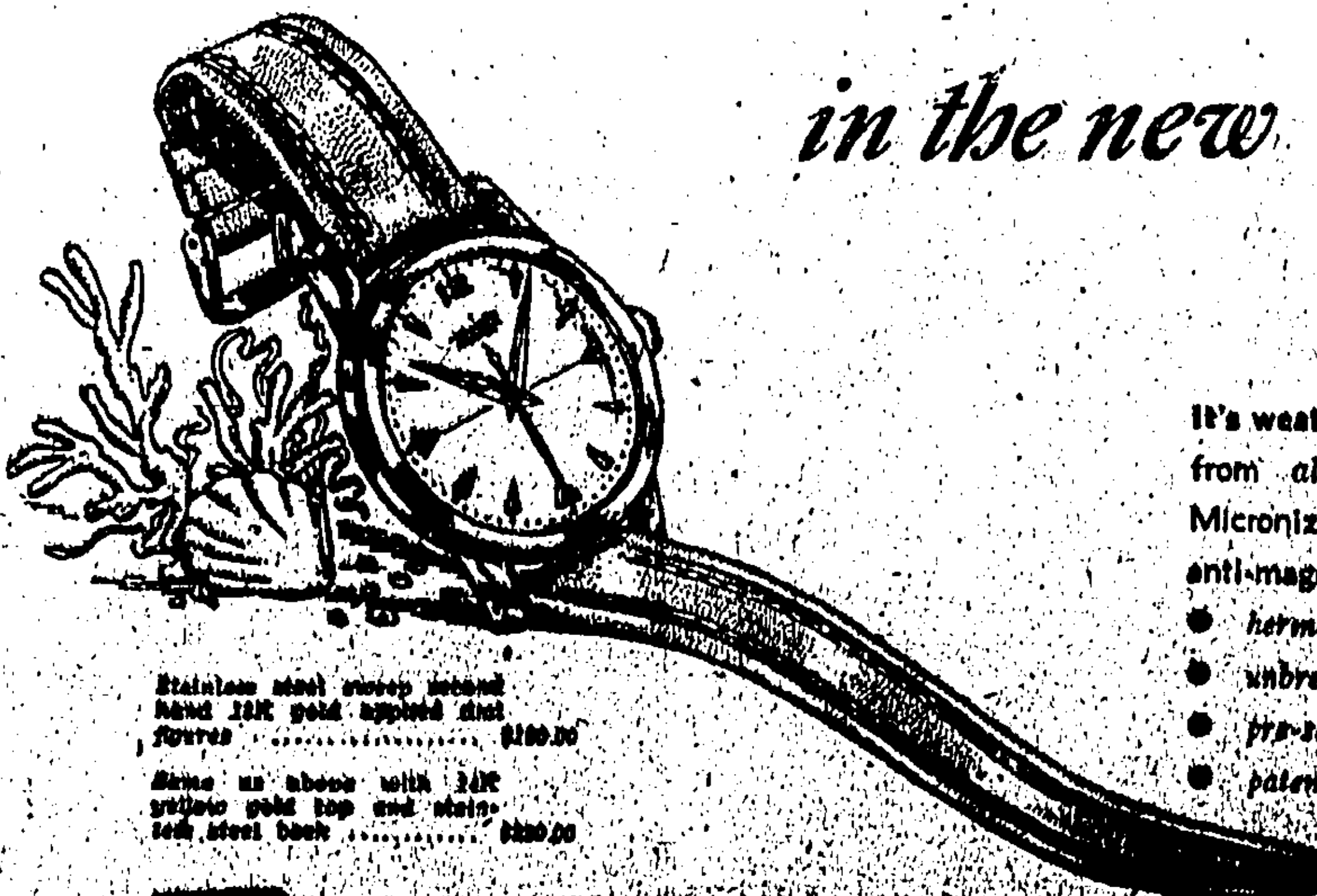
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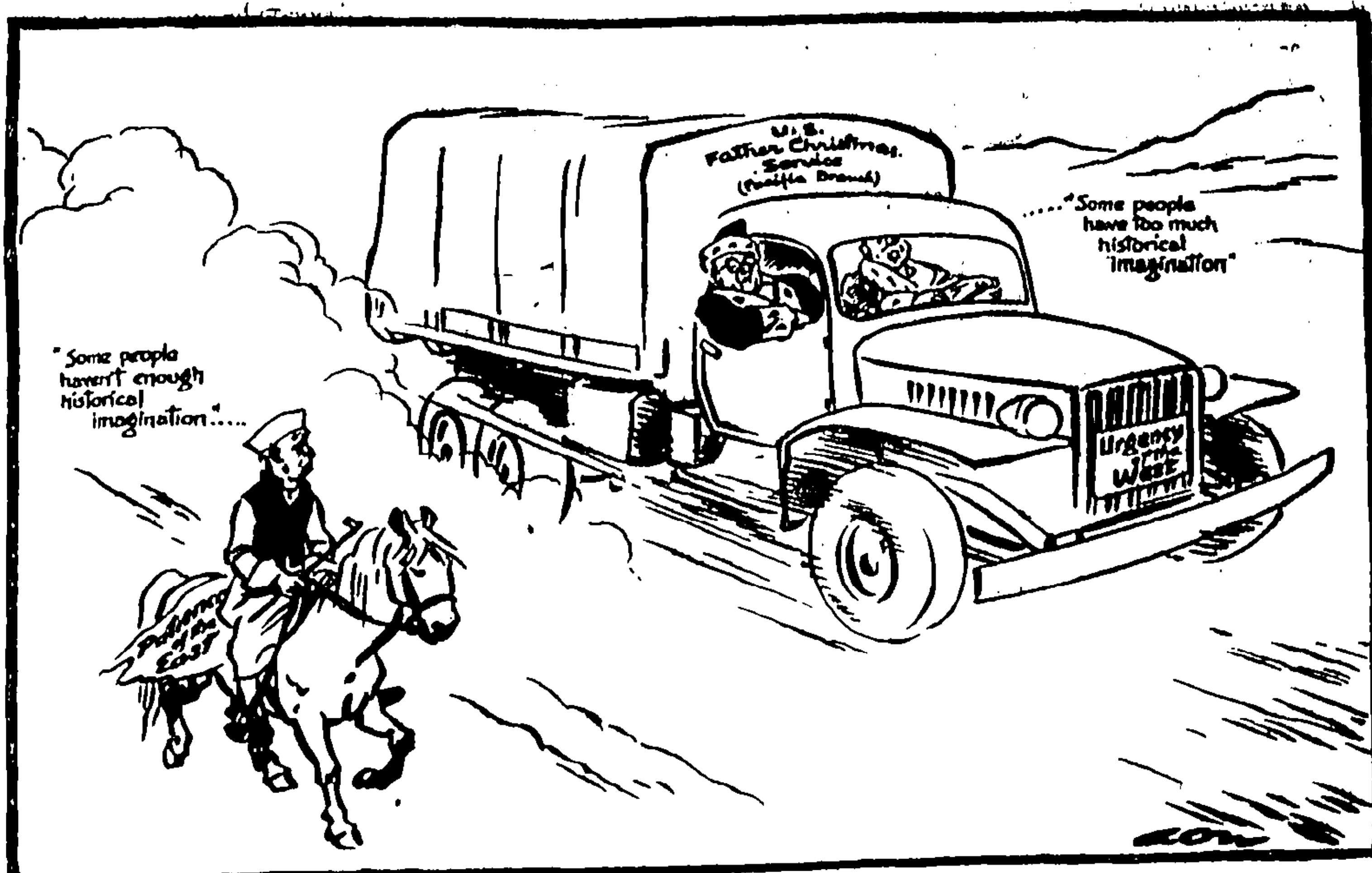
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Such Radio Is Dangerous, says Sefton Delmer

WHAT IS THE BBC UP TO?

I SWITCHED my radio on at 6.15 the other morning, yes, my friends, the Delmers keep country hours down on the farm—and up came the BBC.

They were broadcasting a programme in German for the Soviet Zone of Germany.

I did not switch off. I listened with admiration, surprise, and horror.

Admiration because the technique of this broadcast seemed to me infinitely more skillful than the rather gossamer stuff the BBC used to put over to Germany.

Surprise and horror because I had no idea that Britain, through the voice of the Foreign Office—briefed, BBC, was meddling in this way in East German affairs.

But there they were, these BBC kads, anonymous, with unmistakably British names but speaking what appeared to me quite flawless German—calling on the East Germans to demonstrate their defiance of the Communist Government.

Secret agents

THEY were suggesting to them that they should organise a nationwide boycott of the State-owned shops and restaurants of Soviet Germany.

[A pretty poor request, this, I may say. For, as I discovered during my recent tour of the Soviet Zone, the Communist authorities have seen to it that these State-owned shops have

The Time of Decision

all the best goods and all the best food at the cheapest prices.

Yes, yes, yes, I know what the BBC people will say. They were only doing their stuff indirectly. They were not actually instilling the East Germans themselves but reading out listeners' letters received from the zone, in which these correspondents proposed boycott and other resistance measures. That is just technique. The whole thing was incitement all right.

Secret revenge

JUST to give it the last disasteful touch the whole programme has an atmosphere of underground conspiracy. The letter-writers were each referred to by a code number—just as if they were secret agents.

Believe me, I hold no brief for the Communist regime in East Germany or anywhere else. Nor have I any objection to Radio Free Europe going in for this kind of agitation, or Radio Free Berlin. The one is run by refugees from the Iron Curtain countries seized by the Communists, the other by Germans. Both have a perfect right to speak to their fellow countrymen in the matter.

But the broadcast I heard is a most alarming symptom of the dangerous extent to which Britain has already become

committed to the secret revenge ambitions of the men in Bonn.

Even at the Foreign Office does not look on these broadcasts as a British endorsement of Chancellor Adenauer's sworn pledge "Not to rest or relent until Germany is reunited," you may be quite certain that Germans do.

For the Western nations the Atlantic Alliance has been a purely defensive association. None of us has had any ambition beyond that of keeping the Russians at bay, keeping them from overrunning any further countries, encroaching any further on the free way of life.

With the inclusion of the Germans we have taken into partnership a power whose policy will of necessity be aggressive. If it is to realise its openly proclaimed aims, the danger is that it will encourage those with aggressive ideas in our ranks, above all that it may well embroil us in quarrels and coups which are not of our seeking.

And this is something which conflicts most directly with Britain's interest as the leader of a mighty Commonwealth spread all over the world, whose constant preoccupation must be the preservation of world peace and world security.

Secret notes

I AM well aware that Chancellor Adenauer has solemnly renounced on his own behalf, and on that of Germany, all attempts to use force in redeeming his famous pledge.

I would put no trust in this renunciation even if I accepted the sincerity of this man who, in 1948, signed his name to a

statute demilitarising the Federal Republic of Germany for ever while he was secretly passing memoranda to Washington stressing the necessity of German rearmament and drawing up a plan for a new army.

Yes, make no mistake about it. For these Germans of the aggressive, adventurous type the new alliance means a "free hand in the East."

Even Adenauer's right-hand man for foreign affairs has been so unguarded as to declare that Germany's ambition in conjunction with her allies is to liberate the whole of Europe "up to the Urals."

Now—the risk

IN my view it is folly to insist on rearming Germany before entering into the further talks proposed with such insistence by the Russians.

If by any chance it is possible to come to a working agreement with them for a demilitarisation and permanent disarmament of both Western and Eastern Germany for "goodness sake let us take it."

I realise it is a risk. But it is, for the British Commonwealth and the whole Western world, a lesser risk than the certain disaster that will follow German rearmament.

We cannot afford to dally and delay. Every day of these BBC broadcasts, every day of Germany's reawakening ambitions is a danger. Hurry, hurry, Sir Anthony.

—(London Express Service).

William Hickey

FAIRY TALES ARE THE ORIGINAL HORROR COMICS

London. IT is a joy to be alive in London. There is sunshine of pale gold in the morning. It is still not cold enough for an overcoat.

After lunch I walked through Green Park. The leaves have nearly all fallen, but are still brown and crisp on the ground. The windows of the houses in Arlington Street were blood-red with the setting sun.

I had just been listening to Paul Gallico talk about, "What should our children read?"

He and Gilbert Harding had been invited to speak on that subject because of the horror comics controversy.

Serious humorists

Gallico is a New Yorker who has settled here to write fairy stories for adults and children. A big, strong face dominated by enormous spectacles and one of the lowest brows I have ever seen. They often go with imagination.

Gallico was good. "I think," he said, "if you can furnish a good example to children... if you set an example of good taste... and give them love and understanding, your child cannot go wrong in its reading."

Of course, he was serious. Seriousness is a blight that is killing the once strong shoots of American humour. It is a disease that has struck Americans in our own time.

I heard Douglas Fairbanks talk after dinner this week. Such seriousness! Such earnestness! Even his jokes had a message!

Still, to get back to children's reading.

"My first great love," Gallico said, "was 'Alice in Wonderland'... Ever since I have been searching for her."

"It made one of the deepest impressions of any book I've ever read. Here—in England—Alice seems much nearer. Every English child has a touch of Alice in her."

That was rather lovely. But, to me, it was as if he were talking in a foreign language. I didn't hate Alice when I was young. I just didn't understand what it was all about. It never was a children's book to me.

"I suppose," said Gallico, "fairy tales are the original horror comics." Which was quite a profound remark.

Ignorance his bliss

Harding admitted his ignorance of the subject and then proceeded to talk very brilliantly about it. I think ignorance is Harding's bliss. I should hate to hear him talk on one of his subjects.

The children of today will read what they want... he peered over his spectacles... "Especially if it is banned."

"When I was young... I used to read poetry and memorise it. I liked to show off."

And then, to show what a good exhibitionist he has remained, he told—quite perfectly—the story of Sacha Guitry's father, Lucien, telling his son to go across the road and give a frame to a blind man.

The son did not raise his hat. Father Lucien was furious. "But," said Sacha, "he is blind." "Go back and raise your hat," thundered his father. "For all you know he may be an imposter."

Lost childhood

It hadn't much to do with children's reading. But then, as Harding said, there's an awful lot of nonsense talked about that.

All these famous people talking brilliantly or profoundly about what children should read!

All adults! All drawing on memories, inevitably falsified, of their own childhood!

I wanted to hear a child talk about what it liked reading. But that would have been no use. Children are crafty. They would never tell adults their real thoughts.

They just put up with adults.

Dutch in fashion

I WENT to see some Dutch models and hear all about Dutch fashion.

I know you have never heard of Dutch fashion. All you have heard of is Dutch cheese, Dutch barges, Dutch schnapps.

But I was quite prepared for Dutch fashion. I am just waiting for a Guatemalan fashion show. A Formosan fashion show.

I'm sure they are on their way. You see, every nation has to have fashion shows now just as it must have ambassadors and membership of the United Nations. It's a matter of prestige.

I wondered what these Dutch models would look like.

Models as before

"Let us go and see the models," said Mr Felix Hoffman, who is looking after the whole affair.

We knocked at a door. A girl came out with a worried expression. Photographs were being taken. Temperament oozed through the closed door.

"You can go in if you like," I was told. The door was opened. I had a confused picture of women and clothes and flash-bulbs and make-up.

There was the scent of heavy perfume. "Thank you very much," I said, "but I think I have seen enough for one morning." But my glimpse had taught me one thing. These Dutch models... Maria Van Amstel, Hendrike Hendrika, Magda Bruns, and the others... were exactly the same as all the other models I have ever seen.

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WHAT FIRES THESE BIG, BRAVE CAMPANOLOGISTS?

By LES ARMOUR

London. NEWS that an attempt is to be made on the world ballringing record has doubtless set campanologists aclanghing with anticipation.

Lest the uninformed should regard this as mere frivolity, it should be pointed out that the new assault will consist of 40,320 changes on "Plain Bob Major." It will take the ringers—at John Taylor's bell foundry in Loughborough—20 hours. During the performance, no refreshments may be served. Officials of the Central Council of Church Bellringers—the obviously austere body which laid down the no-eating rule—will stand by to see that no cheating (perhaps a well-concealed cheese sandwich or a change to "Fancy Bob Major" to relieve the monotony) takes place.

What intrigues us is the motive behind this heroism. We have always imagined bellringers to be stout, red-faced fellows, connoisseurs of a pot of well-browned ale, who lead carefree (almost childlike) lives devoted to their muscular art. Their ambitions, we naively assumed, were well fulfilled with the joyous sight of whole towns jerked from their slumbers by the clanging of elderly church bells.

What, then, arouses these gentlemen from their pots of ale and their rooms of well-brewed beer and sends them off to peal (night and day) through 40,320 changes of "Plain Bob Major"? What fires them with this terrifying enthusiasm for uninterrupted noise? Surely, there is a political gain. Perhaps there ought to be a foundry company's bell—no ordinary bell—ringers. Joyless and tight-lipped men they might even be engaged upon an advertising stunt.

Yet there is no evidence to support this view. And, even

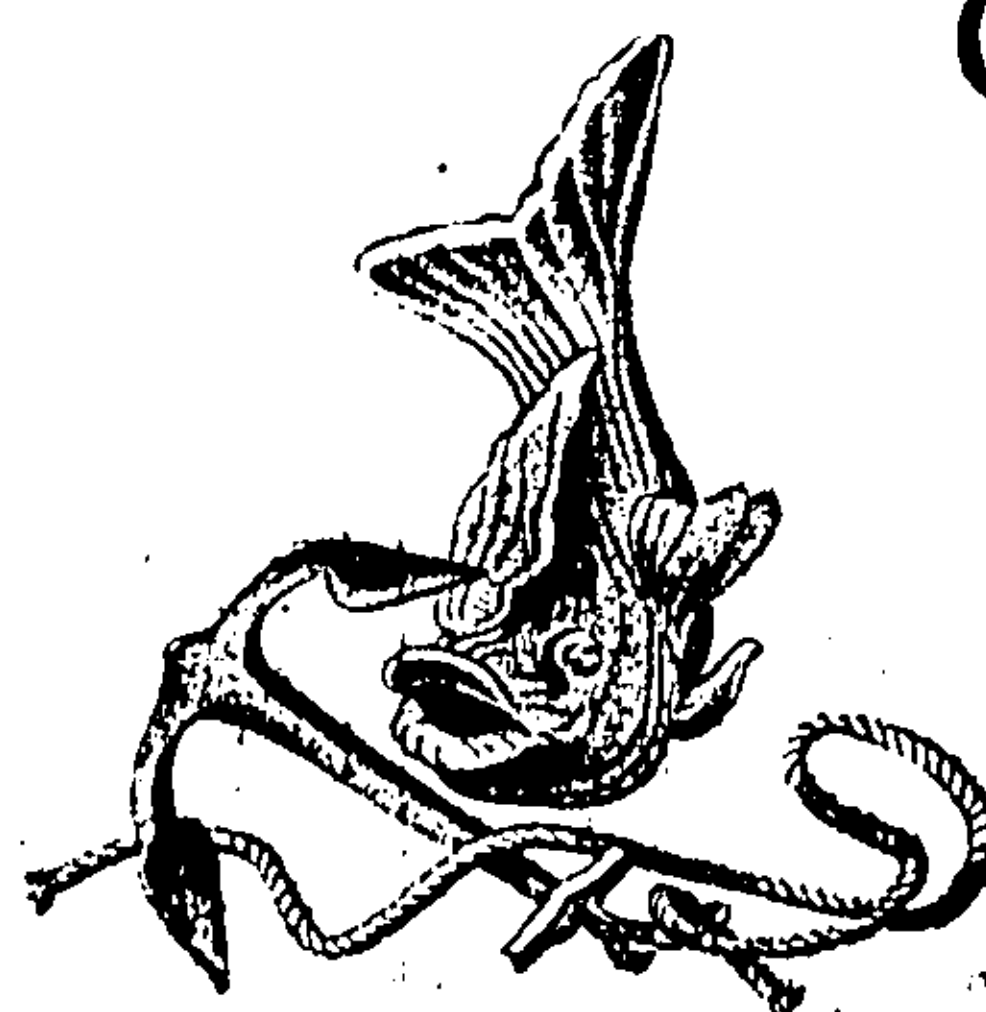
were it supported it would prove nothing. For this is by no means the first attempt at a world record, and these are regulated by the Central Council of Church Bellringers who must represent all the best in traditional bellringing.

All that may be safely concluded is that bellringers, after all, are ordinary mortals.

They share the inexplicable drive of the men who strive endlessly to drop small white balls in smaller black holes on long stretches of turf, the men who seek to drive horses over man-made hurdles at paces faster than horses were ever meant to go, and the men who seek to conquer mountain peaks have no interest beyond their statistical place in atlases.

Somewhat, men must strive to do more, a harder way, and longer than other men.

And, anyway, what this heck is Plain Bob Major, you may ask. It is awfully difficult, and technical, but seems to be a way of ringing on eight



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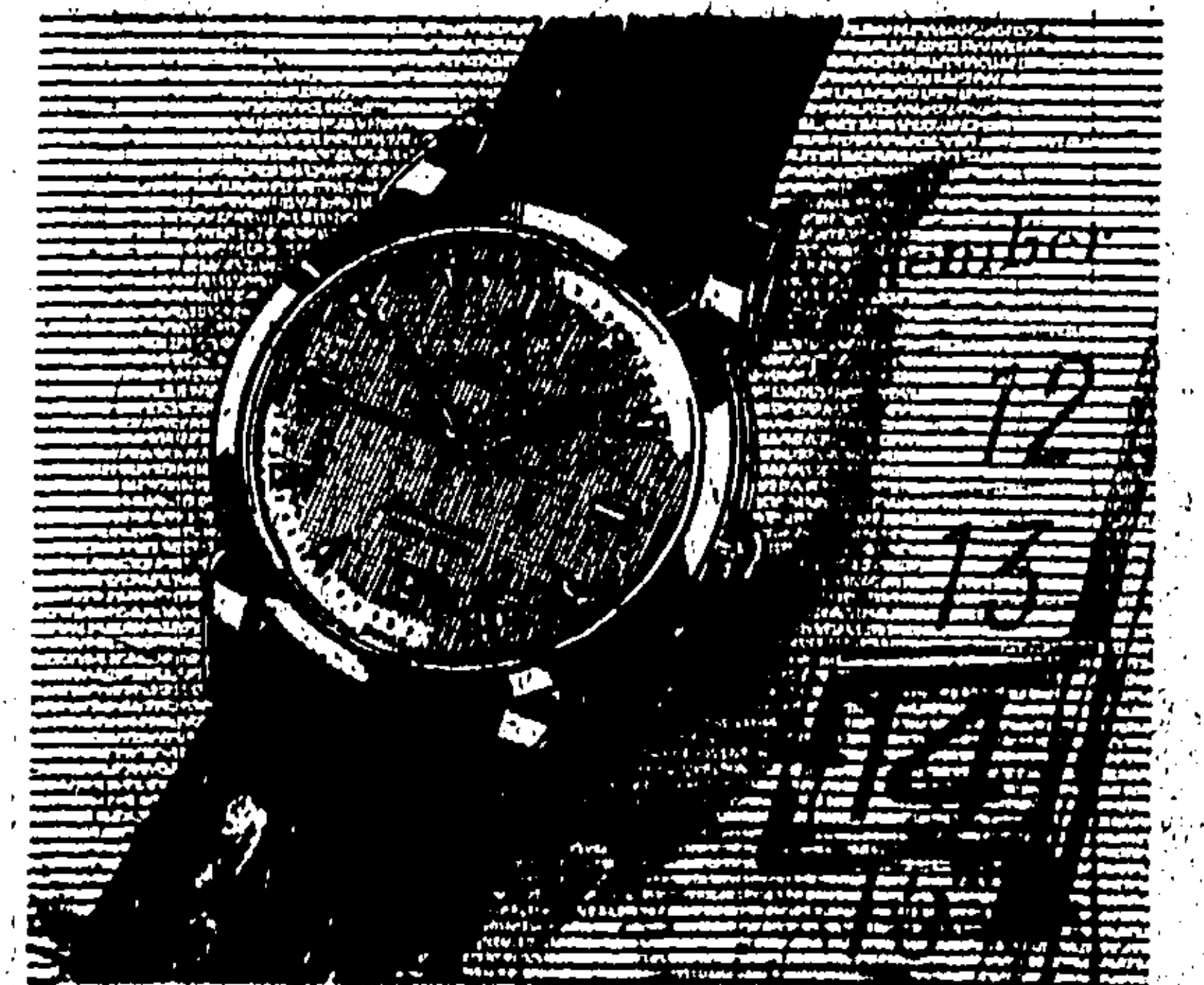
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THE fight for the body of France was over. Lost. The battle for the soul of France was on.

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And the nature of the play? Melodrama, with accents of brutal farce. A tragedy which is also a cutting social satire.

The story opens with the week of Dunkirk. The main British Army is embarking and every pro-German voice in France says that the British are fleeing betraying poor France.

Britain is asked to strip herself of the last fighter defences of her island. Yet at this very moment, French pilots are sitting at Tours, without aeroplanes—and 200 French aeroplanes are 30 kilometres away, idle. There are many instances of that kind.

Physical disaster has produced moral collapse, which exhibits its symptoms most shamelessly in the higher social and military reaches: the generals whose military science brings them only the assurance of defeat, the politicians, with their entourage of mistresses, their partiality for good cooking—to the intolerable end the French cuisine is superb—these are the creatures on whom fall the lash of Spears's contempt and the searching beam of his analysis.

'Like Judas'

To Petain he said: "What France needs is another Joan of Arc," and the old man insisted on reading the whole of a speech he had delivered on Joan of Arc in 1937, "infinitely pathetic in his childish satisfaction as he read."

Collapse of morale in the French military caste has the symptoms of a conspiracy, long matured.

But the politicians are hardly better: Chautemps, the brilliant orator, pleading the cause of dishonour in a voice that would have made a stone weep—"Like Judas, I thought, preferring

THE COWARDS
AND
THE CORRUPT

... They caused the fall of France—and today General Spears tells the painful, bitter story of the tragedy that he watched at close quarters

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

Judas, in the sequel, Judas hanged himself; Chautemps went to America.

These they are, the cowards, the corrupt, the muddled, toothless generals numbing their distaste of politicians; and ministers looking over their shoulders to their money and their mistresses—the great army of the "Soft," as Georges Mandel called them, himself the chief of the Hard, the brave Jews who in France's agony embodied the eternal France.

The honest man

Spears implored him to leave and lead France from abroad. Mlle. Bretty, to whom Mandel was deeply attached, added her plea. "The trunks are packed, Georges." But for a Jew to leave would look like cowardice. Mandel stayed, to be murdered.

"A very curious man," Spears concludes, "one side of his mind was watching the antics of his colleagues with ironical amusement; the other was watching events through eyes like thimbles full of sea water. If it was possible to be fond of a fish, I should have been fond of Mandel."

Mandel, Eve Curie, beautiful, clear-sighted, fearful in her insistence that France must not be dishonoured—they are lights that shine more brightly because they are so few.

At the head of the State, Reynaud, honest and patriotic, is pulled one way by Churchill's words, another by the disastrous tidings from the front, which inevitably reach the Cabinet room at the psychological moment. And always at

Reynaud's ear is the Mine, de Portes, a powerful figure, knowing too much.

After wavering, Reynaud is swept away in the torrent of defeat: his final emotion is relief that his burden is laid down. "As if, walking into a room to console with a widow, one was confronted by a bridegroom."

Before the climax is reached, British Ministers arrive. Churchill and his paladins, Halifax "closer to heaven than any of us," and Beaverbrook, "his rocket-like energy" about to make up Britain's aircraft shortage.

Churchill, "gathering his immense reserves of moral strength," pleads for French resistance, from North Africa if need be. But "you cannot beat Hitler with words," as Petain says, and a moment comes, in a dreary, rain-soaked garden at Tours, when Beaverbrook, "his cynicism immediately felt," says: "We're doing no good here. Let's go home."

They go.

Churchill welcome

Last scene is laid in the shadowy hall of Reynaud's house at Bordeaux, where a tense de Gaulle, lurking behind a column, whispers that Weygand means to have him arrested. He goes to the airfield—and at the last minute jumps on board.

Flying low, they crossed the Channel: "There was nothing but this man's courage to kindle into flame the tiny spark of hope." In the sunshine of the garden of No. 10, Churchill's smile of welcome was warm and friendly.

When France fell, Spears, her duped lover, was hit by some of the debris. His book is the cry of a man who has been hurt.

Parade

RELIGION A white-haired priest — Father

BY PHONE Father Georg Warburg of Nuremberg — is the world's first religion by telephone pioneer. The idea is that all in need of spiritual solace will shortly be able to collect it over the telephone.

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THEY LIVE That Cypriots—

LONGER especially Cypriot women — live longer than any other people in the British Commonwealth. It is just revealed by official figures prepared in Cyprus to back claims by the colonial administration that Cyprus is the best governed territory in the Mediterranean.

The average Cypriot woman's expectation of life (at birth) is 68.8 years. If she reaches the age of 60, she can expect to live for another 19.6 years. Her nearest rival is the average Maltese woman, who, at 60, is calculated to have another 16.7 years in front of her.

Nor are the Cypriot men far behind. At birth, male expectation of life is 63.0, and at 60 it is 16.9 years.

"DROPPED" British Broadcasting Corporation

cameramen filming a story of 17th-century musketeers were interrupted by 20th century pilots and paratroops.

The BBC which is to televise Alexandre Dumas's "The Three Musketeers" in six weekly episodes beginning on November 24, has stated that some scenes were filmed at Fresham Ponds, Surrey. Among difficult shots were those of the musketeers riding at night, which technically required a patch of blue sky. On one occasion the film unit sighted just such a patch of blue and waited 45 minutes until it had travelled to the position, when it was suddenly obliterated by smoke trails from RAF planes.

When a duel was being "shot," a "great cloud" of British paratroops on a training exercise alighted all around the film unit. "Although the troops were undoubtedly trained to the teeth in advanced forms of unarmed combat they stood around in enthralled silence watching a few moments of 17th-century sword play."

LEFT BANK St Germain des

LAUGHING Pros, the Left Bank jungle of Existentialists is shaking under something like a revolution.

The hitherto gloomy tribe of M. Jean Paul Sartre's admirers has started to laugh—because they've suddenly come across the work of Alphonse Allais. Allais, born 100 years ago, was a sort of French Mark Twain. He wrote more than a thousand richly funny yarns filled with gags that have since been picked up by stage comics all over the world, like "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do till after tomorrow."

One of his tales was about the old man in the bus who, infuriated with a nagging child next to him, snarled, "If you don't keep still, you beastly little boy, I'll clout your ear." The mother looked up. "I'll have you know, Monsieur," she said, "that it's a little girl."

PENSIONS Eighty-five per cent of surviving

FOR NAZIS former Nazi middle and high functionaries are receiving official government pensions as "retired government workers."

Official records show that 30 percent of these "retired" Nazi officials are receiving pensions of over 500 marks a month—compared with the average German industrial wage of 350 marks. Eighteen percent of the pensioned-off Nazis are collecting pensions of 1,000 marks a month.

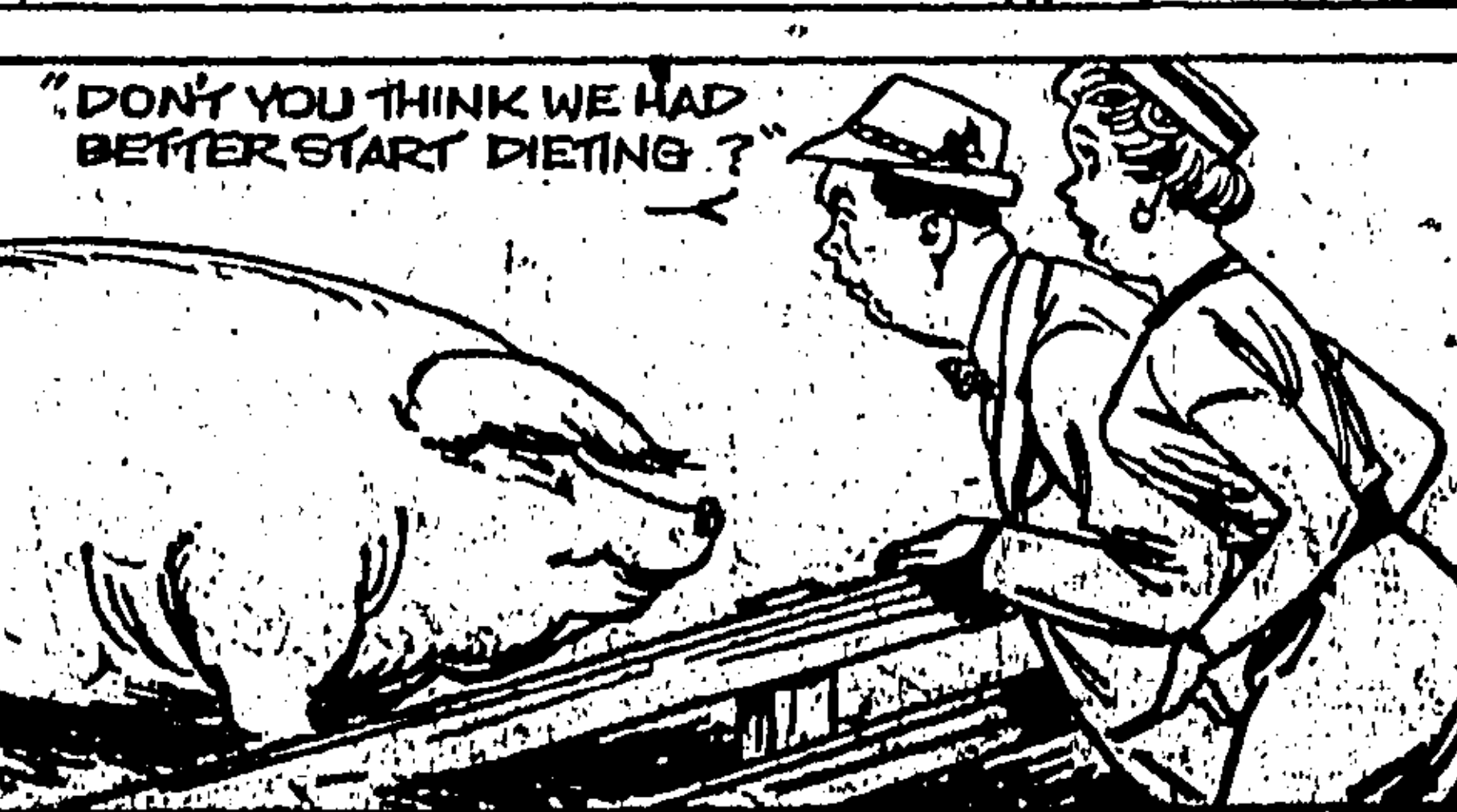
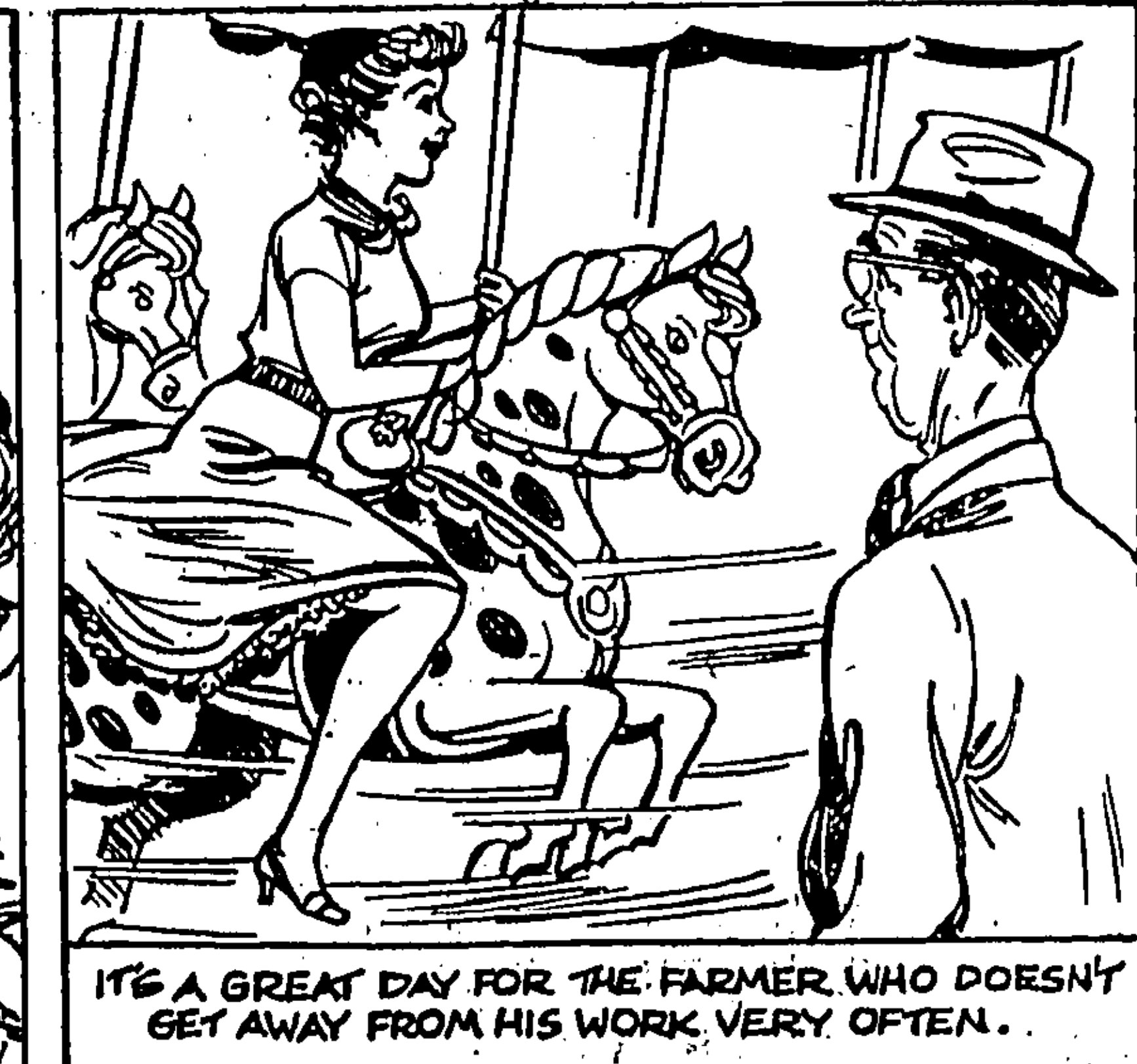
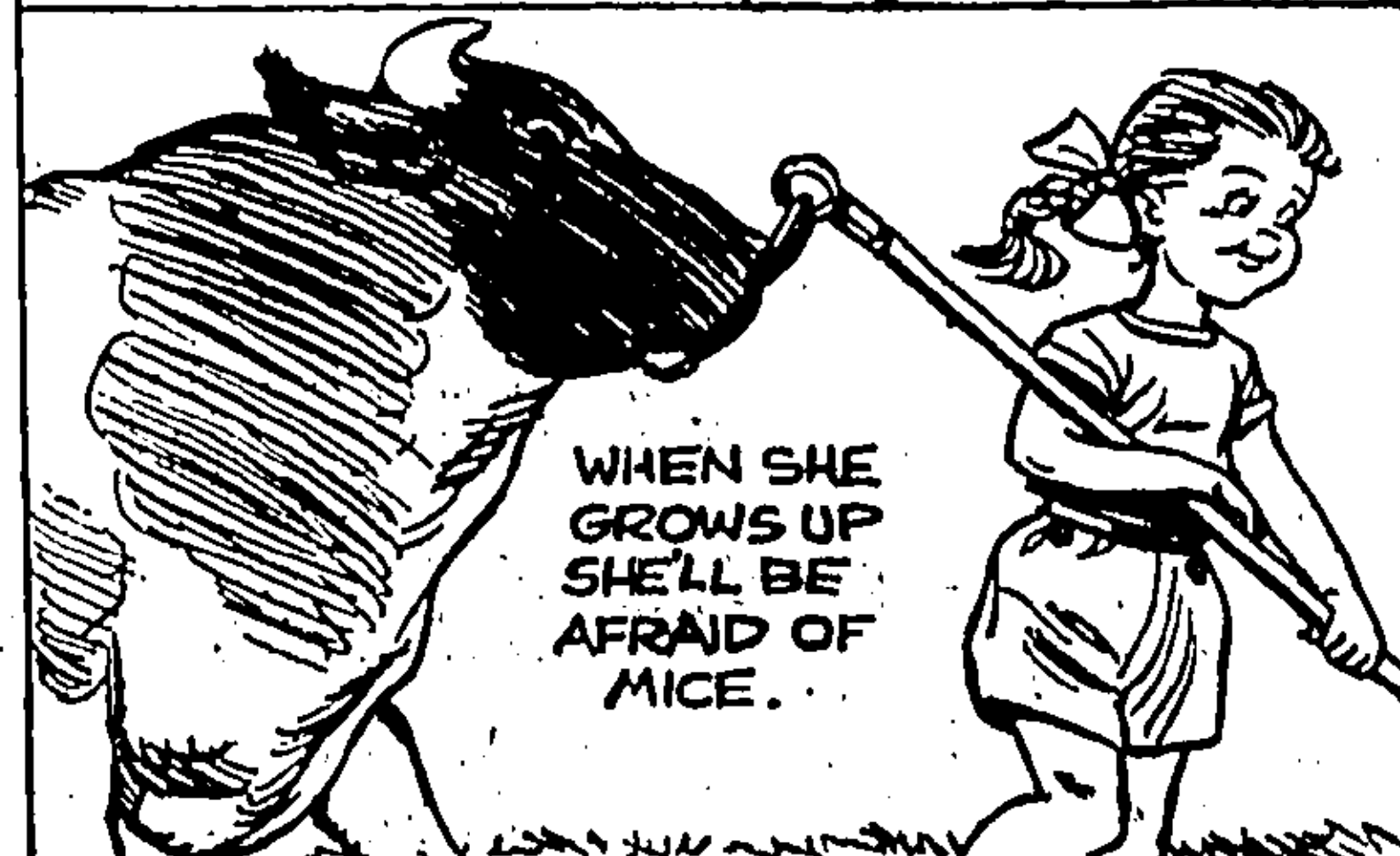
On the other hand, numerous ex-Nazi officials are not getting pensions, for the simple reason that they are back at work—in the German Government. Chief Minister employing these former Nazi officials is the Foreign Ministry. The Finance Ministry has the next largest number of white-washed Nazis, followed by the Customs Service and the Foreign Office.

The Bonn Government makes haste to explain that none of the Nazis in government service is "dangerous." They are, in the main, technicians who were blanketed in under the Hitler regime and were taken over by the Adenauer Government because of the critical shortage of experts and technicians.

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BY HARRY WEINERT



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LEAGUE CRICKET

KCC At Home To The Army North In Today's Most Attractive Game

By "GOOGLY"

Army South will be playing two games this week-end and will be the first team in the Senior Division to complete their first round League fixtures. It is hoped that other teams take this lead and play off their outstanding games. There will be three to four week-ends free for the outstanding games to be played before the second round commences on January 8, 1955.

The most interesting game down for this afternoon should be the one between Army North and KCC at Cox's Path. Last week KCC managed to snatch a last minute draw from the Army South and gain a lucky point.

They will have to go all out to repeat last week's success as their opponents are capable of amassing a big score even off a good attacking side. In the

Army they have batsmen like Howard-Dobson who is at the moment topping the batting averages and his wicket does not fall too easily.

The Scorpions are at home to the Navy and should not take things too easily as I gather that a number of big ships are in port. A good number of new Navy cricketers will be seen at Chater Road and this should be a good game. I fancy the home team has a slight edge over the Navy as they are a more seasoned side.

The Rovers-Craigengower game at Happy Valley should give the Kowloon Club four points as they will be at full strength. It is not likely that Craigengower will spring an upset unless George Souza strikes his old form.

Police will have the Optimists as their guests at Happy Valley and this should be an even game. Though the HKCC team have a better balanced side, they are not accustomed to the pitch at Happy Valley. Nevertheless a win for the Chater Road side is predicted.

In the remaining game Army South should whitewash University at Sookunpoo.

The game between RAF and the Army South at Sookunpoo, starting at 11.30 a.m., should see some high scoring. Both teams possess classy batsmen and both are good fielding sides, but I fancy the more consistent Army players to win purely by reason of their more aggressive attack. This needle game will be worth going to Sookunpoo to watch.

SECOND DIVISION

The main interest in the Second Division this afternoon centres on whether Rovers, the only unbeaten team in this division, could be surprised by Dockyard. But Rovers, with home ground advantage, should win.

Navy, strengthened by newcomers in all probability, are likely to challenge IRC "A" for all four points.

Even though playing at home University will find difficulty in salvaging a point from Army. DBS on their home ground, can be formidable enough to hold the Police to a draw. The schoolboys have lately shown ability to muster some quick runs. One point in favour of the Police is their deserved victory over IRC "A" last Sunday.

IRC "B" have greatly improved lately and the forecast on their match against the strong RAF side should favour them with one point at least.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army South	8	5	1	2	22
KCC	7	5	1	1	21
RAF	7	5	0	2	21
Rovers	7	4	2	1	17
Army North	7	4	2	1	17
Optimists	7	4	3	0	16
Scorpions	6	3	2	1	13
Police	6	3	4	1	13
CCC	7	1	6	0	4
University	6	0	7	0	0
Navy	7	0	7	0	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
IRC "A"	8	5	2	1	21
Army	8	5	2	1	21
RAF	8	4	2	2	18
Dockyard	10	4	4	2	18
Rovers	5	4	0	1	17
KCC	8	4	3	1	17
Police	7	4	2	1	17
IRC "B"	8	4	4	0	16
DBS	9	3	5	1	13
Navy	8	2	5	1	9
RGV	9	2	6	1	9
University	10	0	7	0	0

TODAY'S GAMES

	Time
CCC v. Rovers	11.30 a.m.
Army South v. University	11.30 a.m.
HKCC v. Scorpions	11.30 a.m.
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IRC "B" v. RAF	11.30 a.m.
Scorpions v. Rovers	11.30 a.m.
Army South v. RAF	11.30 a.m.

TWO QUESTIONS IN EVERY RUGGER FAN'S MIND THIS AFTERNOON

By "PAK LO"

There are two questions in the mind of every rugby fan today. These are:—Can the Navy beat the Army? Can the Police, now improving with every game, overcome the Club? The answer to these two posers will be reached this afternoon when the Army and the Navy clash at 3.00 p.m. on the Sookunpoo ground, and the Police and Club meet at 4.15 p.m. at the same venue.

Whatever the results of the two matches should turn out to be, these should provide two of the best games in the whole Pentangular Tournament. In both games the teams for various reasons will be going all out to win, and there should be some spectacular rugby.

For the first game the Army have made only one change in the team that played on Wednesday. Blincoe is brought back into the three line in place of Collins. As Eve is not yet available Reid continues as hooker, which is natural after his excellent display against the Police.

With Ferry now in full swing again the Army have a really hard-going pack, particularly in the loose, and they have plenty of weight for the set scrums.

Thomas seems to have found his kicking form, and this plugs one of the loopholes in the Army attack which has been apparent for some time.

The Navy are in a quandary. For once they have a surplus of good players and although they have cut the number down to 20, they cannot decide on who shall play and have therefore announced that "the team will not be selected until the selectors have seen the state of the pitch".

To save the Navy selectors a lot of worry I can tell them off-hand that the pitch will, as usual, be hard and dry, and dusty.

With this unusual announcement the question arises as to whether the Navy have some players whose names they do not wish to be known until the last minute, or whether they hope by this tactic to worry the Army.

As most of the players will be newcomers to the Colony it is unlikely that their names will be known, unless they are international. However we have seen quite a few internationals fall to come up to scratch when faced with Hongkong grounds.

Not knowing anything of the team it is impossible to comment, but the Army will have the advantage of having played together for some time, and this may give them a slight edge over their opponents.

The Navy can, however, be relied upon to produce a good team and as they have been depending upon this game and the forces at their disposal to shove them up the Pentangular table there should be some fireworks.

POLICE v. CLUB
The second game brings the Police against the Club. The last time these two met early on the "friendly" the Club routed the Police by 19-0, but

Reid, Booth, Chisholm, Ferry, Thomas.

Club: Stoker, Morrison, Ewart, Rainer, Ingalls, Turville, Henderson, Slack, V. Russell, Rogers, Armstrong - Wright, Haygroves, Petrie, Talano, Martin.

Police: Brown, Forryth, McEwen, Scott, Nash, Sloan, Lloyd, Dunncliffe, Colborne, Shelley, Perry, Todd, Dawson, Carpenter, Bryan.

Stone is not available, and Morrison moves into the wing three berth, while Ewart fills the gap at centre as Petrie moves back to his more natural position of wing forward.

Cole is a doubtful starter at scrum half, and Henderson will take his place. The latter, while still as smart as ever, is not as fast as he used to be, but he will fill the place better than any other player the Club has.

In the forwards Talano drops back to lock and Armstrong-Wright is given a chance in the second row.

This rearrangement still gives the Club a good pack, but the three, on paper, look shaky, and, unless for a change, they feed their wings, particularly Ingalls, will find themselves in trouble.

The Police have kept Forryth in the team after his grand display on Wednesday, but have switched him to the wing, bringing McEwen inside him in the centre three position.

The pack remains unchanged and the only worry the Police have is whether Lloyd will have recovered from his concussion sufficiently enough to allow him to play. If not Elliott will return to the team.

The result of this game will depend on whether Lloyd does play or not. The Club forwards should get the ball back most of the time, and if Lloyd is there the Club halves and three will have their work cut out, and the Police should scrape a win. If Lloyd is missing the Club should emerge the victors.

LATEST STANDINGS
For those of you who are interested here is the Pentangular Table up to date.

P. W. L. D. Pts.
Army .. 2 2 0 0 32 11 4
Navy .. 3 1 1 1 14 8 3
RAF .. 3 1 1 1 12 14 3
Club .. 2 1 0 1 8 19 2
Police .. 0 0 2 3 20 0

THE TEAMS
Army: Patterson, Edwards, Owen, Blincoe, Ingalls, Brentford, Parkinson, Bevan-Thomas.

Navy: W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Army .. 2 2 0 0 32 11 4
Navy .. 3 1 1 1 14 8 3
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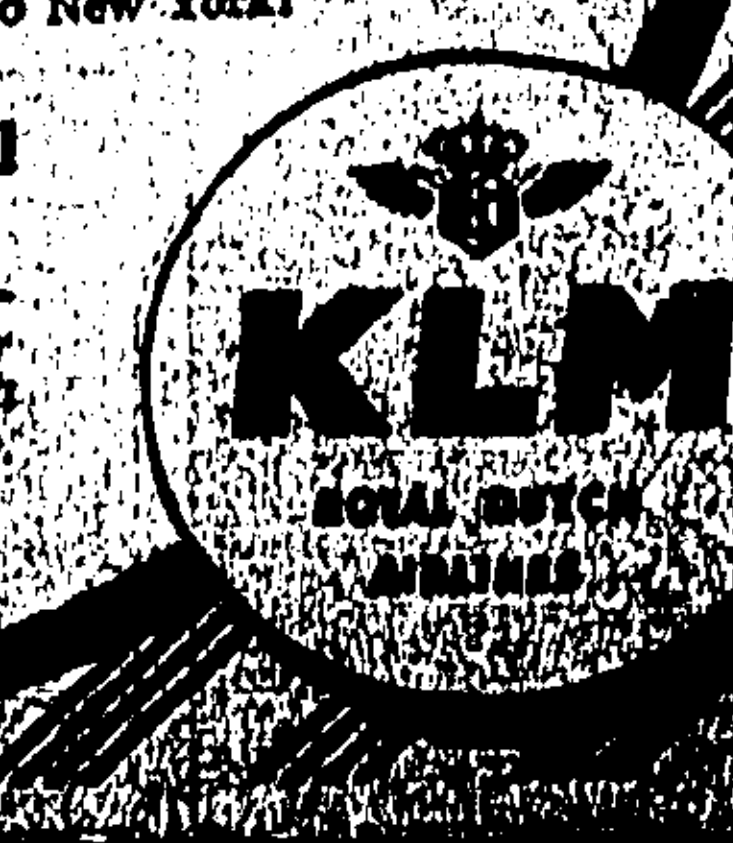
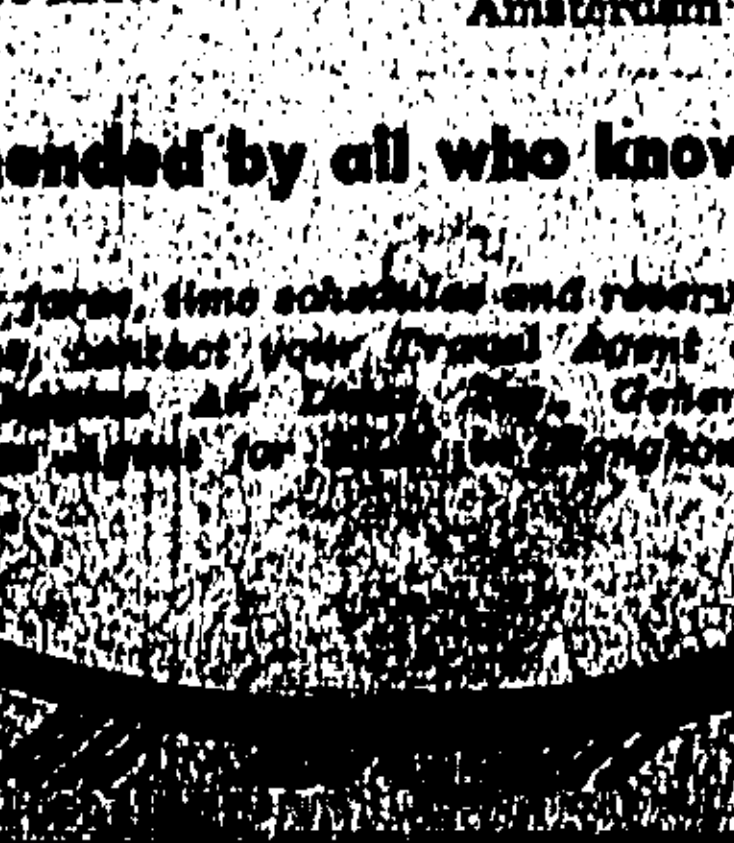
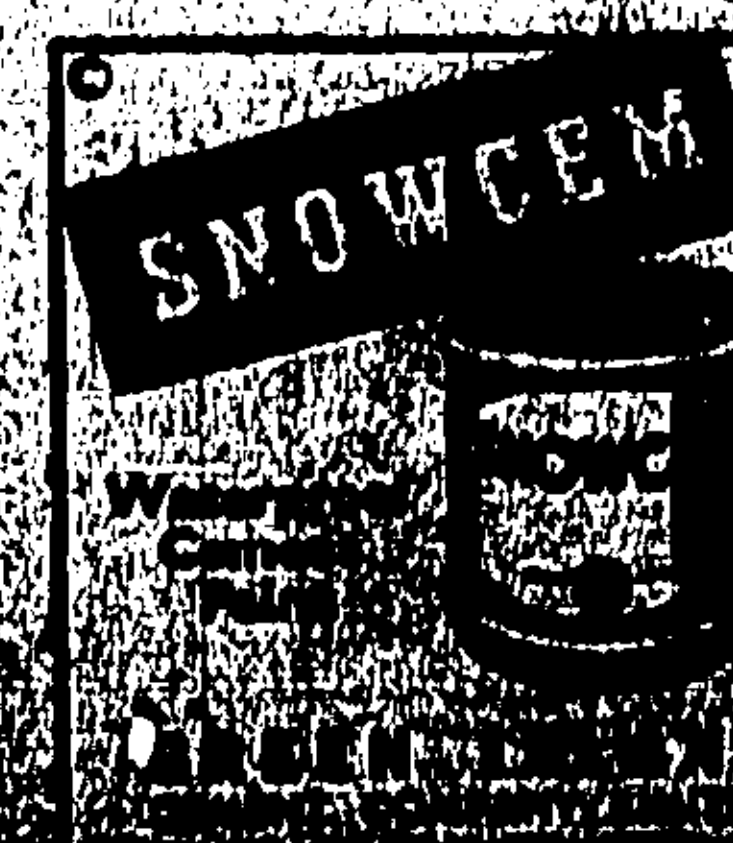
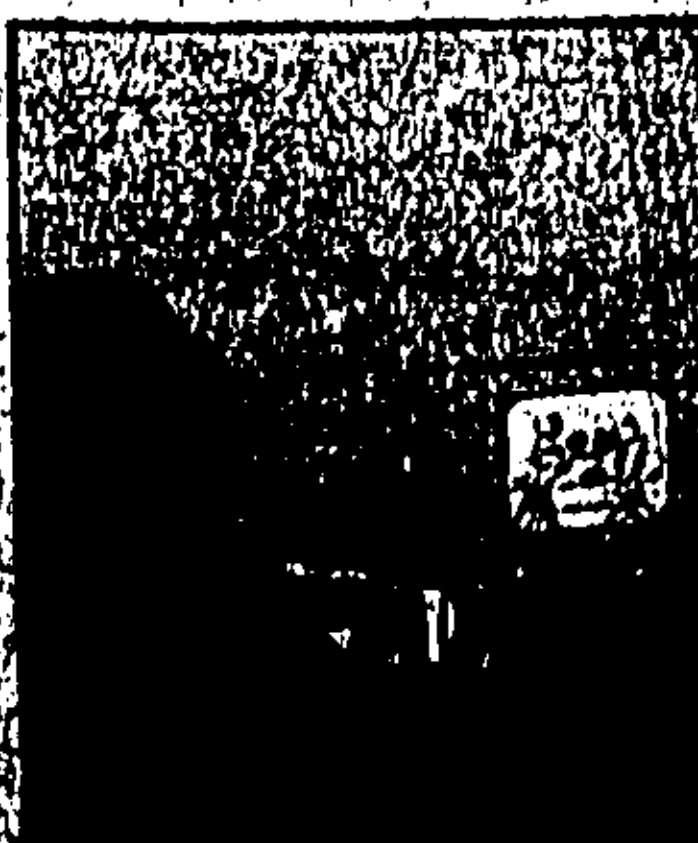
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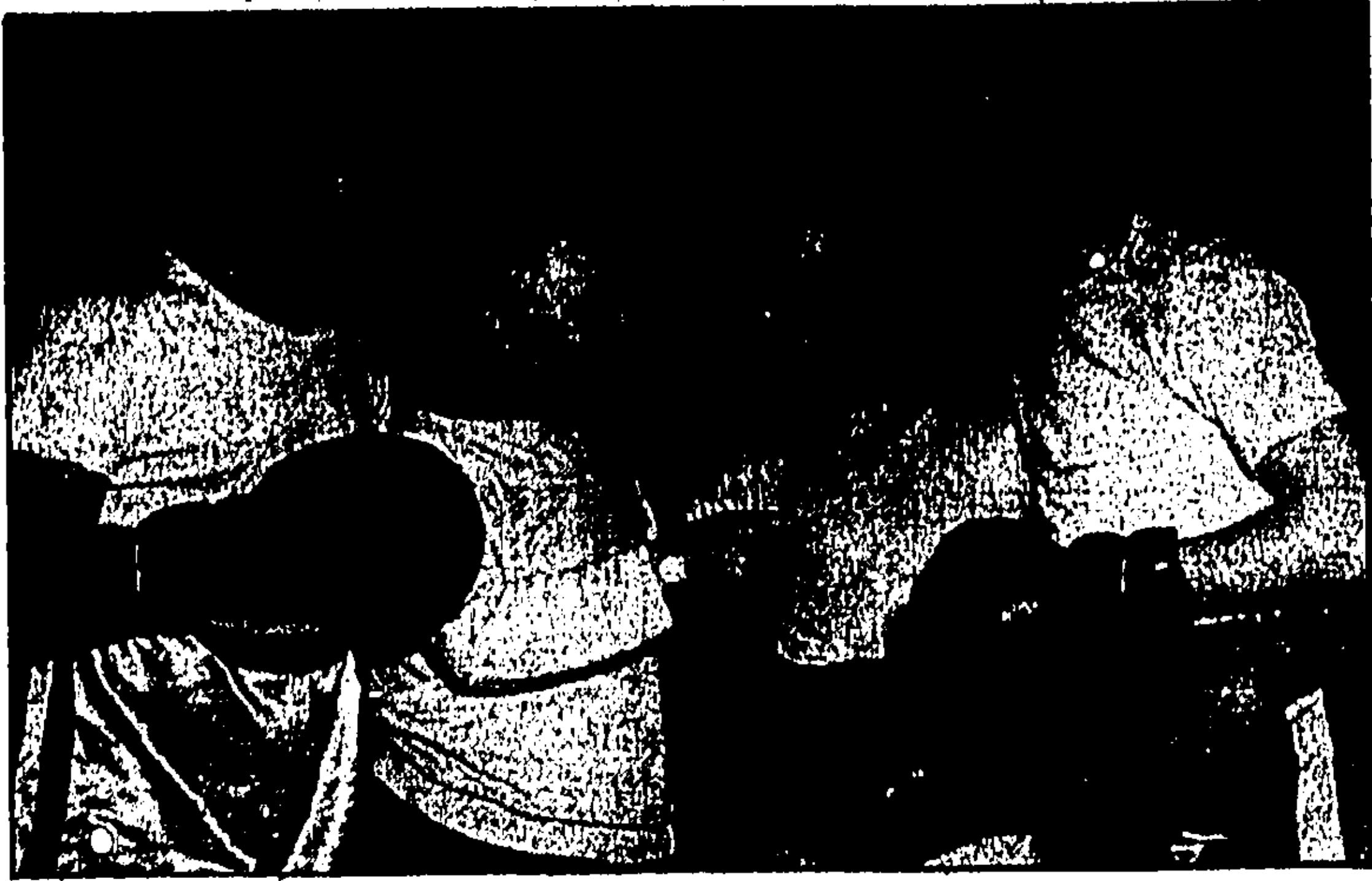
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A TRIO TO LOOK AFTER



Apart from his usual charge, Sammy McCarthy, famous trainer "Snowy" Buckingham has two others to look after at Brighton, Lew Lazar and Yolande Pompee, all of whom were featured in the Harringay programme last Tuesday. McCarthy beat Ray Ankarah while Pompee won his fight with Wim Snock. Left to right are Pompee, Buckingham, McCarthy and Lazar. — Central Press Photo.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Braves v. Warriors Is Tomorrow's Main Attraction

Now that the camping season is over all softball tournaments will come back to normalcy as all teams will be able to turn out to play as scheduled. This Sunday, Braves will take on the Warriors and Saints will battle the U.S. Navy in the Senior "A" League.

In the Senior "B" Division, Blackhawks "A" will meet the Overseas and Americans the University for the second time. Three Junior tournaments have been arranged in which South China Juniors will clash with the Seventeeners, P. I. Dodgers will meet the young Athletics and Overseas will take on the mighty Dukes.

In the Ladies' loop, South China Ladies will tackle the Pandarettes and Colleen Aces and Bees will cross bat with the Lady Athletics and the Overseas.

Braves vs. Warriors will be a good game worthy an afternoon outing as both possess some of the finest players of this Colony. Braves have lost two games of the three they have played in the first round and cannot afford to lose any more. This time they should score a victory at the expense of the Warriors.

It is not yet revealed which battery will be used against their enemy but no matter whether they use the Jack Brown, Manuel Gutierrez pair or the Joey Franco, Frankie Correa combination, they should be able to defeat the Tribesmen.

Warriors are a hardy bunch with Stephen Xavier as key scoring man. Joe Reis, Alfredo Oliveira, Jimmy Chang, Google Marques, George Ribeiro and Ricky Azinheira are good hitters. But somehow they seem to have lost their zest of last season and the whole team has not fared well in the current league.

However, they have always wished to scalp their rival Indians to settle an old grudge and certainly they will miss such a golden chance.

MAY BE A BATTLE

U. S. Navy is now represented by USS Wilson. Their deputy last week against the Chinese Athletics were certainly a failure. However, they possess one fine player by the name of Brown at the hot corner. He pitches well too. Should he be used on the mound against the Old Timers, the Saints may not have an easy time.

The pennant-holding Saints have been idling for quite a long while and many fans doubt

whether they will play up to their usual standard. However, they are still considered far better than the sailors from the Wilson and they will score another victory to extend their winning streak.

The Senior "B" games will be a sweep over for the Blackhawks and the Americans. Only the Overseas have been improving lately and they may put up a stiff resistance against the swift birds. The University students have now enlisted a new chucker, David Vieira, and improved their fielding. Perhaps they will be able to check the Yankees hitting.

Keen competition should be seen in the junior contests. South China Juniors may find the Seventeeners Scouts hard to beat, as the latter have shown much improvement lately.

The Junior Athletics, too, went to extra inning with the League - leading Blackhawks Juniors a fortnight ago and should give the P. I. Dodgers a battle. The Dukes should easily down the Overseas Juniors.

In the ladies' matches, a hot contest will ensue between the South China and Pandas Ladies, also between Overseas and Colleen Bees. Colleen Aces vs. CAA Ladies, however, will be a one-sided game.

THE PROGRAMME

Today
2 p.m.: (A) SCAA Jr. vs. Seventeeners; (B) P. I. Dodgers vs. CAA Jr.
3.30 p.m.: (A) South China Ladies vs. Pandas Ladies; (B) Overseas Jr. vs. Dukes.

Tomorrow
10 a.m.: (A) Colleen "A" vs. CAA Ladies; (B) Overseas Ladies vs. Colleen "B".
11.30 a.m.: (A) U.S. Navy vs. St. Joseph's.
2 p.m.: (A) Braves vs. Warriors.

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

INSPECTING THE PLAYERS' BOOTS IS A VITAL PART OF A REFEREE'S DUTIES

Says L. M. MacTAVISH

Since the Senior Match between Kwong Wah and the Army last Sunday a great deal has been written and even more has been said about incidents concerning Mr Kearney, the referee who was in charge of the game.

I leave others to argue the ethics of certain happenings, as far as visitations to the field of play are concerned, but there was one such visit to the referee on the field of play during the interval that is of the greatest importance to players in Hongkong.

When the Army side retired to the dressing room after the first half it was found that two players had neatly cut on their legs and both of them stated to the referee that they had received them in tackles with Ng Kee-cheung, the Kwong Wah centre-half.

The manager of the Army team went to report the matter to the referee, and as the referee had not left the playing field, then the report had to be made to him there.

The question now is: "Was this approach to the referee on the field of play justified?" and the answer is a very definite "yes", for when Mr Kearney inspected Ng Kee-cheung's boots he was dissatisfied with their condition and he ordered him to have protruding nails hammered down before he would allow him to resume play in the second half.

This brings up two important points. The first is one which I raised last season and which some high officials saw fit to deny. The pre-match inspection of boots was enforced from the belief that this should be a vital part of the official's pre-match duties just as much as the inspection of the ball or the pitch or the goal nets. In fact I would go as far as to say that it is probably the most important part of all.

There was a major tragedy in England quite recently as the result of an injury received from a nail in a boot. . . and there was very nearly a repetition of it in Scotland.

If pre-match inspection of boots was enforced the risk of incidents and injuries like those in last Sunday's game would be reduced to a minimum. Surely our players are worth such a measure of protection. . . even if the pre-match inspection of boots is not at present included in the list of duties for referees.

Let us accept this present incident as fair warning and let common sense prevail in order that we and our players should be spared unnecessary injury.

INTERVAL ETHICS

The second point arising is one of ethics. It is often necessary for officials to make approaches to the referee on absolutely authentic and legitimate matters during the interval of a game. After the present rumour it will be difficult for an official to approach the referee without running the risk of starting at the best, speculation and, at the worst, controversy.

I have had a relatively long and comprehensive education in the ways of the game and I think I make little or no error of fact when I say that the custom of players and officials remaining on the field of play during the interval in Senior games is peculiar to this part of the world.

Dressing rooms are provided for players and officials and in the best interests of all concerned that is where the interval should be spent.

This is not an effort to screen any approaches that may be made to the referee who, being

a duly qualified official, is well aware of what action he should take to bring any indiscretions or irregularities to the notice of the appropriate body.

But the great thing is that on occasion regular approaches have to be made and after the current trouble, they are obviously best made in the privacy of the dressing room.

SUMS IT UP
There is an old saying in Britain. "Heads I'm right, tails you're wrong," which, interpreted, means no matter what you do you're wrong.

This I believe just about sums up the predicament of referees Kearney in last week's controversial game. First of all I state quite openly that this was not, in my opinion, one of the best performances he has given with the whistle, but I believe after due consideration that the situation which led to him reversing his decision after awarding the Army a third goal would have provoked the same discussion if it had been allowed to stand as a goal. In fact, I believe that he was on a roaring to nothing from the moment the goal was scored.

He was standing much closer to the incident than his linesman, but his angle of view was obviously different. He saw nothing wrong with the goal but apparently his linesman did and waved his flag appropriately.

From that moment Mr Kearney was booked for a load of trouble no matter what he did. I have always tried to be fair in putting forward both sides of a question and that is what I want to do now.

Mr Kearney conferred with his linesman and was obviously impressed with what he was told and, on the basis of his conversation, he changed his decision and awarded a free kick to Kwong Wah.

Immediately he was open to being confronted with the argument that he was nearer to the incident than the linesman and should have been in a position to make and abide by his own decision.

If he had in fact done that another controversy was certain to drop in his lap. Why had he awarded a goal when his linesman who had noted an infringement was flagging vigorously? That would undoubtedly have been the question that would have been asked. . . and there is little reason to suggest that it is any less genuine than the first point of view.

Who would be a referee in such circumstances? . . . "Heads we're right, tails he's wrong" just about sums the whole thing up.

WEEK-END MATCHES
Local football fans are well catered for this week-end when six First Division games are down for decision. The full programme is as follows:-

Today
RAF vs. CAA at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.
Club vs. KMB at Club Stadium, 4 p.m.
Tomorrow
Army vs. St. Joseph's at Soekampoo, 4 p.m.
South China vs. Kwong Wah, at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

3.30 p.m.: (A) Blackhawks

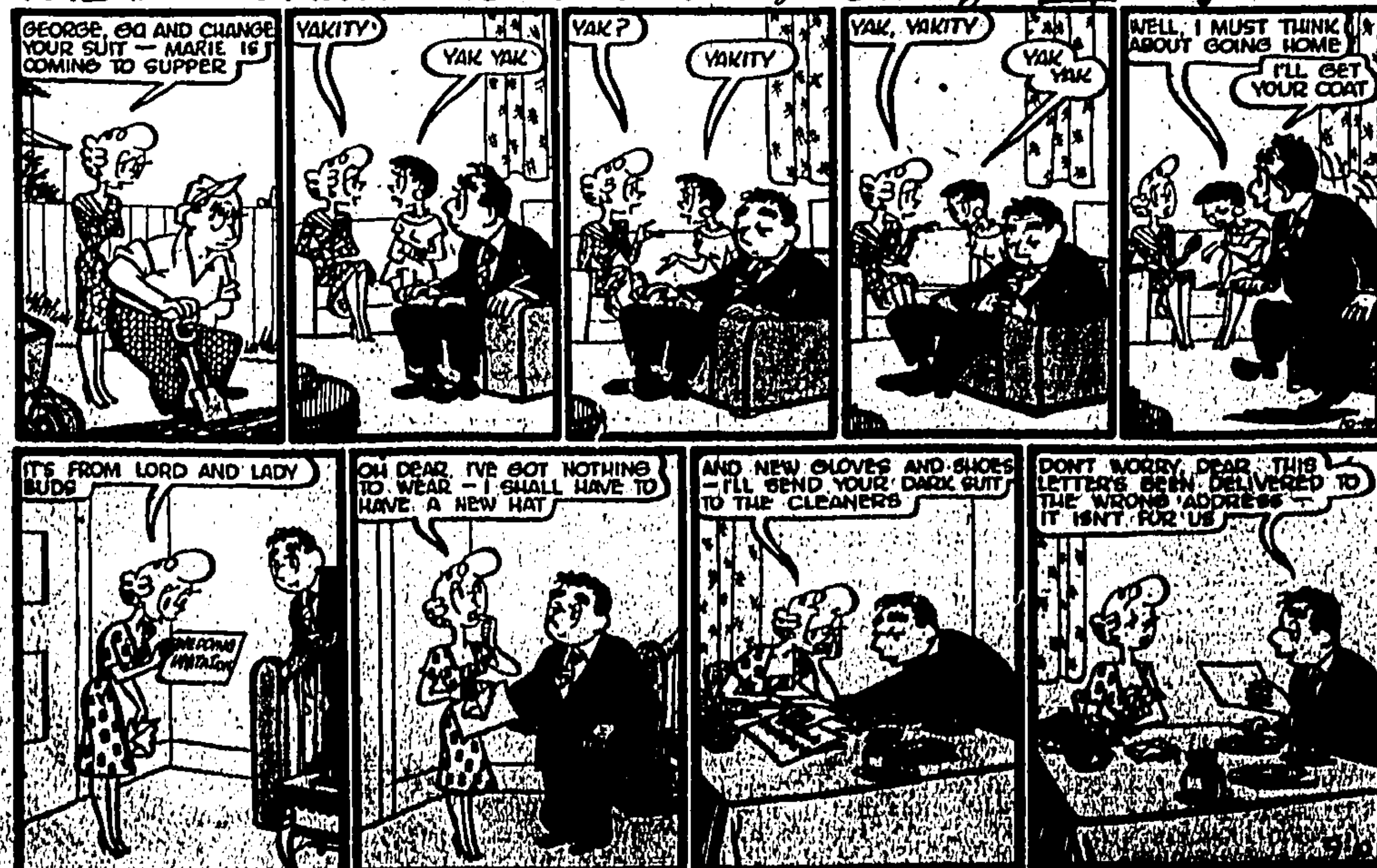
"A" vs. Overseas; (B) Americans vs. HKU.

League Soccer Standings

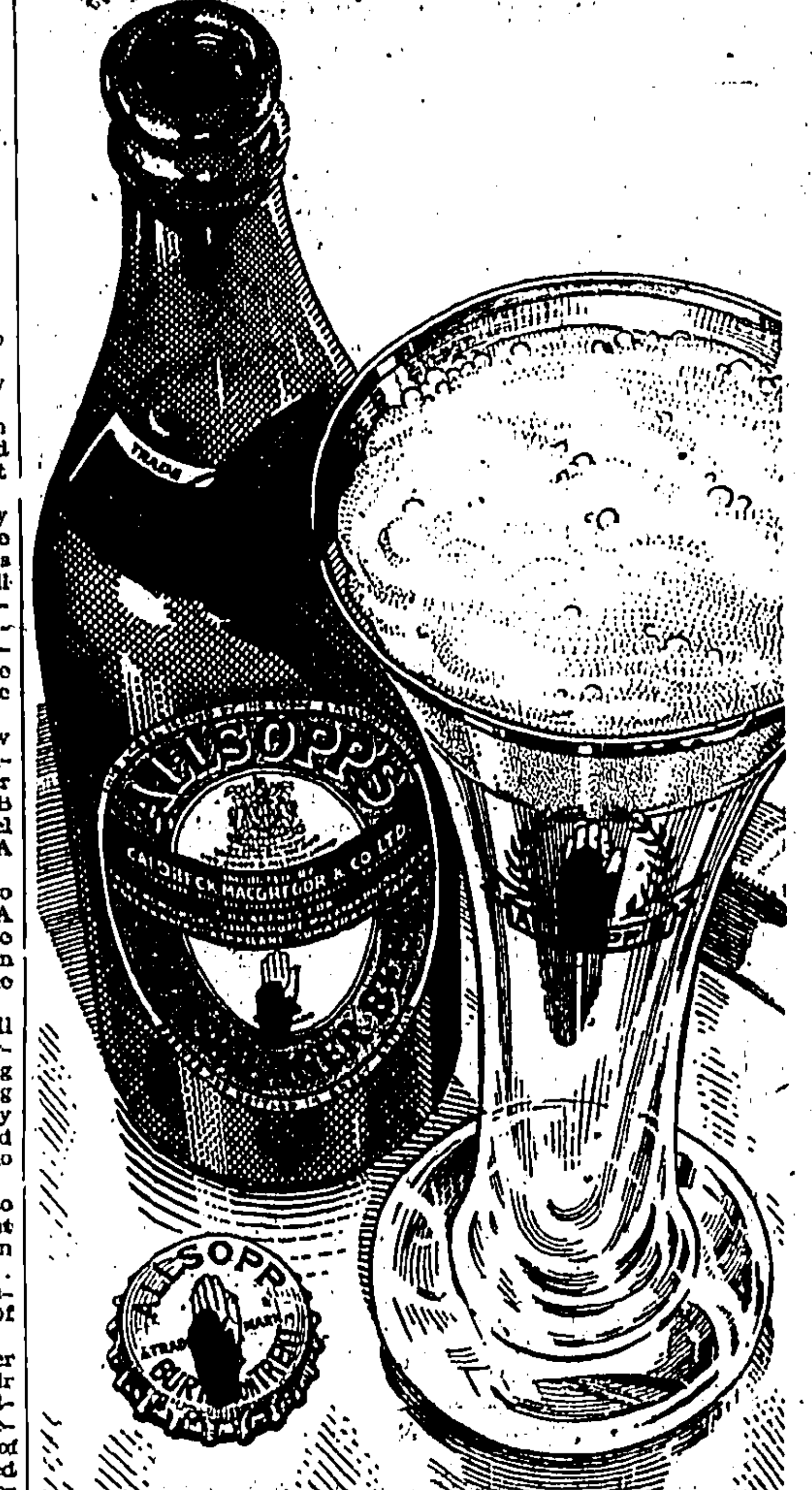
League Standings—up to November 30, 1954.

First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kitchener	11	8	1	2	33	12	17
Eastern	11	7	1	3	31	15	15
South China	9	6	1	2	21	15	13
Army	9	6	1	2	23	19	13
St. Joseph's	10	5	2	3	29	22	12
Police	10	5	2	3	24	16	11
Kwong Wah	9	5	1	3	24	20	11
KMB	7	5	0	2	23	13	10
CAA	10	4	2	4	20	20	10
Police	9	2	1	6	18	34	5
Club	8	2	0	6	16	33	4
Navy	11	0	1	10	9	79	1
Second Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KMB	12	11	0	1	39	7	23
Army	12	9	2	1	26	12	20
Kitchener	12	7	3	2	26	18	17
Western	12	7	2	3	20	13	16
CAA	10	7	1	2	30	15	15
South China	10	7	0	3	31	19	14
Kwong Wah	12	6	2	4	21	22	14
Sing Tao	12	5	2	5	20	21	12
Tai Kok	13	4	2	7	23	32	10
Police	12	3	2	7	18	33	8
St. Joseph's	10	3	1	6	15	25	7
RAF	11	2	2	7	16	33	6
Club	11	1	1	9	12	42	3
Eastern	11	1	1	9	10	38	3
Third Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Little Sai Wan	8	6	0	2	20	11	12
Jardine	8	5	0	3	12	11	10
Prisoners	7	5	0	2	15	10	10
REME	7	5	0	2	25	10	10
HAME	7	5	0	2	15	10	10
C & W	7	5	0	2	15	10	10
Dairy Farm	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Builders	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Swand Works	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Dockyard	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Tramways	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Telephone	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Fourth Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KMB	12	11	0	1	45	6	23
University	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
RIF	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
S. & S. Tamar	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Lane Crawford	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Swand Works	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
King Godown	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Falco	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Rediffusion	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Watson's	7	6	0	1	12	10	12
Hollandia	7	6	0	1	12	10	12

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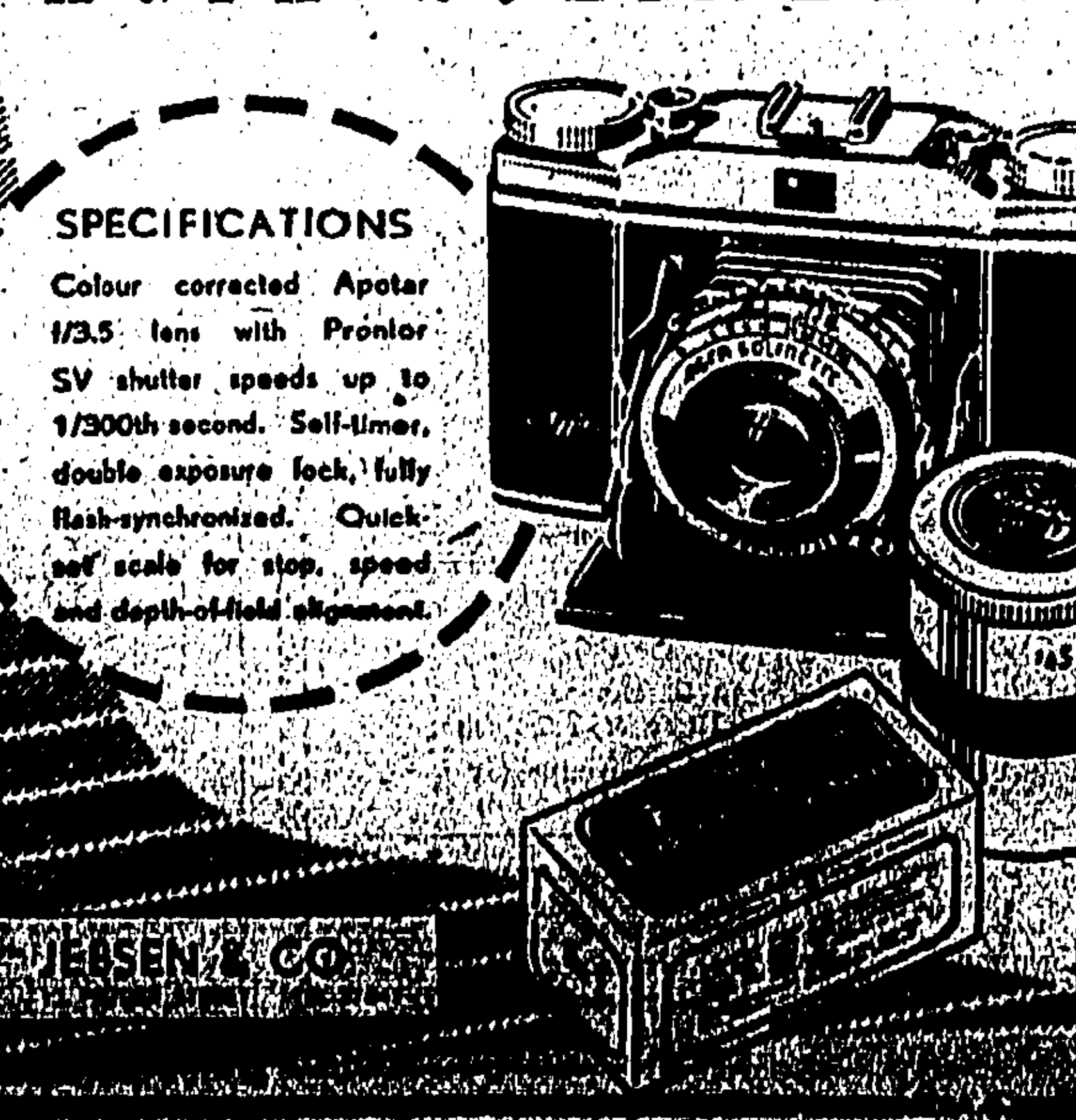
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MOLOTOV'S WARNING

Will Take Measures To Match West's Growing Strength

London, Dec. 10. Mr. V. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, declared today that ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany "will compel the Soviet Union to take measures no less mighty than the growing forces of the West," Moscow radio said.

He was addressing a meeting in Moscow's Hall of Columns to mark the 10th anniversary of the 1944 Franco-Soviet treaty—a pact which, he said, should become the cornerstone of peace in Europe.

Mr. Molotov spoke within 24 hours of a Soviet note to Britain, France and the United States which gave warning that the Soviet group will strengthen its forces if West Germany is rearmed.

In a broadcast speech he said: "We have such power that no force could stop our progress."

ENJOY SUPPORT

"The Soviet Union, the Chinese People's Republic and the People's Democracies have such manpower, and enjoy such support abroad, that there is no power in the world that could arrest our progress along the path we choose."

The French Ambassador, M. Louis Joxe, who has just returned to Moscow from Paris, was at the meeting in the House of Trade Unions.

Sun Is A Newcomer To Universe

Washington, Dec. 10. Our sun is a newcomer to the universe and belongs to a minority group among the stars.

That was the word today from Dr. Varneva Bush, President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The sun's minority status and relative youth were disclosed in Dr. Bush's annual report of Institution activities.

That there are two broad categories of star, each differing fundamentally from the other, was discovered during World War II by an astronomer, Mr. W. L. Baade.

He named the categories Population I and Population II.

Mr. Baade made his discovery with the 100-inch telescope of the Mount Wilson Observatory by examining the spiral nebula in Andromeda.

LIKE MILKY WAY

The Andromeda nebula is a galaxy of stars believed to be closely akin to our Milky Way, of which the sun and its planetary system constitute an infinitesimal part. Andromeda is some 1,600,000 light years away—a light year being the distance light, travelling at 186,000 miles a second, covers in a year.

Each galaxy contains an estimated 100,000,000 stars, the bulk of them concentrated in the nucleus, plus enough interstellar gases and dust to make another 100,000,000.

Mr. Baade's Population II stars are clustered in the central part of galaxies. Population I stars in the spiral arms. The sun is in one of the Milky Way's arms, far out toward the galaxy's edge.—United Press.

C.I.G.S. Returns To London

London, Dec. 10. Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial Staff, returned here tonight by air after a four-week tour of British bases in Cyprus and the Middle East and visits to India and Pakistan.

In both India and Pakistan, the Field Marshal found what he described as "an impressive degree of comradeship and friendship."

He said that "both armies are maintaining a high standard of efficiency and, for my part, it was pleasing to find how many of the noble traditions of the past are being upheld."—France Press.

NEHRU KEEPS A PANDA

New Delhi, Dec. 10. A three-year-old panda which is fed on grapes, bamboo shoots and milk and spends its summers at a hill resort, is the pet of Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

The panda, named "Bhimu", was presented to Mr. Nehru by Himalayan tribesmen during the last General Elections in 1951. Mr. Nehru feeds and tends it himself and sends it up to the hills when the weather in Delhi gets too hot.—China Mail Special.

AVA WANTS BRANDO AS LEAD

Singapore, Dec. 10. Hollywood film star Ava Gardner said here today that she wants Marlon Brando as her next leading man.

Ava, who was dressed in a bright green Chinese dress with deep slits in the skirt and wearing exotic black shoes with one green and one red heel, told journalists at Singapore's Raffles Hotel she first met Brando, now engaged to a French fisherman's daughter, a few months ago.

BULWARK OF PEACE

"France, with her traditions of glory and bravery, could well become a bulwark of peace in Europe."

Referring to the refusal of the "Big Three" Western powers to take part in the recent European security conference, Mr. Molotov said: "We see the difficulties which lie before us but we will not flinch from them."

He said the Soviet proposals for a European security pact could embrace every state in Europe, irrespective of their social and political regimes.

Mr. Molotov said: "Black clouds" were hanging over the Franco-Soviet pact. "Aggressive forces" of the United States, Britain and France were setting up an aggressive alliance.

"They want to talk with us from a position of strength," Mr. Molotov said.

"The Paris agreements were incompatible with the Franco-Soviet treaty. They meant a further intensification of the armaments race and a dangerous playing with the idea of a new war."

"Word has gone round that a meeting of the four powers will be called in a few months," Mr. Molotov said. "The Soviet people and Government cannot rely on empty hopes."

He said the peace-loving countries faced the necessity of strengthening their military might, and East Germany would create her own army as declared by Herr Otto Grotewohl, the East German Prime Minister, at the Moscow conference.

NO LESS MIGHTY

"The ratification of the Paris agreements will compel the Soviet Union to take such measures as will be not less mighty than the growing force of the West," Mr. Molotov said.

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Coalition May Beat Adenauer

Munich, Dec. 10. Four parties agreed today to form a coalition Cabinet in Bavaria which could deprive Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of a two-thirds majority in the Federal Upper House in the event of the Paris agreements requiring ratification as constitutional amendments.

The Bavarian branch of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democrats, which until now has secured the Bavarian vote for the Chancellor in the Federal Upper House, emerged as the largest single party from the November 28 elections but could not come to terms with the other parties.

The new State Premier heading the coalition is certain to be Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, a Social Democrat, and he decides how Bavaria votes in the Bundestag (Federal Upper House).

In the 204-seat Bavarian Parliament, the coalition will command 121 votes against the 83 votes of Dr. Adenauer's allies, the Christian Social Union. The coalition will consist of Social Democrats, Free Democrats and Refugees Parties.

Malta Gives Mountbatten Big Send Off

Valetta, Dec. 10. Malta gave a tumultuous send off to Admiral Earl Mountbatten today as he and lady Mountbatten left the George Cross island for home at the end of his command of Allied forces in the Mediterranean.

Tugs sounded their sirens, cheering sailors lined the breakwaters and the rails of warships returning from exercises, helicopters, R.A.F. bombers and



EARL MOUNTBATTEN

naval fighters roared overhead and a band played "Will ye no come back again" as they left harbour in the despatch vessel Surprise.

Admirals from headquarters of Allied forces in the Mediterranean set a precedent in following the Royal Navy's tradition by rowing their former chief to the Surprise in a galley.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten were visibly moved by the farewells on the Customs House steps, from service chiefs and heads of the civil government, including the Governor, Major-General Sir R. E. Laycock, the Prime Minister, Dr. George Borj Olivier, the Archbishop and Cabinet Ministers.

Earl Mountbatten, who is to be Britain's First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, will report to the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) in Paris on his way home.—China Mail Special.

London Films Executive Due

Mr. Howard Harrison, Joint Managing Director of London Films International Ltd. is expected to arrive in the Colony today for a short visit. He is making arrangements for the distribution of a number of the company's pictures, some already completed and others still in production.

After visiting the Far East, Mr. Harrison will travel to Australia and New Zealand. This is his first visit to the Far East.

ALL-OUT WAR TO DEFEAT THE FELLAGHA

Tunis, Dec. 10. France and Tunisia declared a fight to the death today against holdout nationalist outlaws in Tunisia, and stepped up the campaign against terrorists in neighbouring Algeria and Morocco.

Franco-Tunisian peace envoys have won the surrenders of more than 2,500 members of the "National Army of Liberation" in Tunisia in the last ten days.

Today the authorities warned the holdout forces that they would face open war if they failed to accept the Franco-Tunisian offer by midnight—about the time Premier Mendes-France was expected to stake his political life on a French National Assembly vote on his North African policies.

LAST APPEAL

Officials here hoped the last-minute appeal would bring the surrender of Tahar Lassaoud and his band of 40 outlaws, the largest single group which so far has refused to lay down its arms.

In neighbouring Algeria, where the fellagha "Army of God" has terrorised settlers and peaceful Arabs for six weeks, the French Governor-General, M. Roger Leclercq, said new troops would be thrown into the fight before Christmas.

A night-long skirmish on Mount Kers-Tanousi showed graphically what the new troops would face.

A patrol of French paratroopers late yesterday ran into an ambush as they searched for terrorists around the native village of Zellatou, about 50 kilometres from Batna, high in the Aurès.

The paratroopers matched their light machine-guns against the battered arms of the terrorists. Late at night, the better arms took and three outlaws gave up. Their companions slithered and dived from rock to rock up to a mountain cave, from which they laid down a crossfire which kept the paratroopers at bay until dawn.

ONLY THREE

Finally, a white burroose flustered from the cave entrance and the paratroopers rushed forward to discover they had been held throughout the night by three terrorists who knew how to take every advantage of their rugged terrain.

One terrorist was wounded. There were no casualties reported by the troops.—United Press.

New Approach To Cancer

London, Dec. 10. The British Medical Journal today published an article headed "A Preliminary Report" which discussed the possibility of helping the body develop immunity to cancer through the use of certain coal tar compounds.

A Medical Journal editor cautioning that the matter was still "highly experimental," described the approach to the cancer problem by Dr. H. N. Green of the University of Sheffield and his co-workers as "novel."

Although he emphasised that his report was preliminary, Dr. Green said it appeared the immunological approach to cancer "may well lead eventually to a final solution."—United Press.

Teacher Read D. H. Lawrence To Students

Houston, Texas, Dec. 10. The Irish playwright, Mr. Sean O'Casey, will come to Houston to defend the memory of D. H. Lawrence, a lawyer announced here.

The lawyer, Mr. Bernard Golding, represents a school teacher, M. Peter Jaeger, who has brought an action for damages against school officials, alleging that he was dismissed for reading excerpts from the writings of D. H. Lawrence and Philip Wylie to 15-year-old students.

The lawyer said both Mr. Wylie and Mr. O'Casey had assured him they would come here for the trial if asked, and he was going to ask them.

The school teacher's petition said that the defendants conspired to "charge and smear" him as a Communist, and as being "un-American."

He added that the "false and untrue charges" prevented him from finding work.

The defendants' answer, described Lawrence's "studies in classic American literature" as "calculated to ridicule and satirise the American heritage."

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